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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday morning—Worship with sermon at 10:45. Subject of the sermon, "1919, The Beginning of A Nobler and Happier Epoch."

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services: Morning worship at 10:45; sermon by the pastor. Sunday school at 12. Evening service at 7. Services will be held at the church at Locke's Mills, Sunday afternoon at 2:15.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Services next Sunday at the usual hour.

The officers of the Universalist General Convention propose to raise \$10,000, 000 the coming year for church extension work.

By the recent probate of the will of Mr. Albert Crane of New York City, Tufts College, Universalist, will receive \$80. The Universalist General Convention \$80,000. Conn. Convention \$20,000. Fund for aged Universalist clergymen \$40,000. The publishing house \$10,000. His local church and its pastor a generous bequest, and several other bequests of a public character provide generous amounts for their maintenance. A few years ago Tufts received \$100,000 from the same source for the support of the Crane Theological School. In this way loyal Universalists are providing for the future of their church.

Santa arrived Wednesday morning on schedule time and caused much merriment for the children. A pair of gray horses drawing the large, decorated tree with gifts for all members of the Sunday school and Santa himself on the sled made the day seem quite realistic.

GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE

The Grange Circle did not meet this week but the regular meeting is to be held this Thursday evening. Important business.

PARIS GRANGE

Paris Grange met Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2 P. M. Officers present: Master, Overseer, Chaplain, Lecturer, Treasurer, A. Steward, L. A. Steward, Ceres, Pomona and Flora. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on a class of five. Worthy Master Dudley gave a report of the meeting of the Maine State Grange. A list of Committee for the dining room were read. The next meeting is to be an all day session, for the installation of the officers. It is expected that the Worthy State Master will be present and install them, Jan. 6, 1919. Meeting to open at 10:30 A. M.

NOTICE

Kill your hogs before Jan. 1, as after that date I shall do no more butchering.

WILLIAM LOWE, Bethel, Me.

FOR SALE

A red race mare for sale at W. H. Cole's, Newry Corner, Me. Good driver, sound and right; weighs about 1000 lbs. 12 years old. 12-28 11 p.

Will pay 3 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses.

CITIZEN OFFICE.

RED CROSS DRIVE

The results of the Red Cross membership drive for Bethel and its Auxiliaries shows without a doubt that the prestige of the organization that must be supported for a long time after peace is signed will be well supported in this locality.

Bethel enrolls 300; Newry, 70; Albany, 5; Upton, 45.

There are quite a few of our old members who for some reason did not renew.

We would like for Bethel to have a 100% membership and take this opportunity to ask any adult who did not enroll to send \$1.00 to Irving L. Carver, Treasurer, and have your name enrolled.

Below is a list of the names enrolled for 1919 membership:

Mrs. H. E. Jordan, Mrs. H. E. Jordan, Mrs. M. C. Swan, Mr. M. C. Swan, Mrs. Fred Corbin, Mrs. Ed Smith, Mrs. Arnold Brown, Mrs. Walter Bartlett, Mr. F. E. Purington, Mrs. F. E. Purington, Mr. Sherman J. Haselton, Mrs. J. N. Swan, Mrs. D. C. Conroy, Mrs. Wesley Wheeler, Mr. Wesley Wheeler, Mrs. A. W. Herrick, Mr. A. W. Herrick, Miss Hattie Foster, Mrs. A. J. Copeland, Fred A. Tibbatts, Mrs. M. J. Marshall, Mr. F. H. Morton, Mrs. Mary S. Park, Mr. Elbert C. Park, E. M. Walker, Mrs. Bertha R. Wheeler, Miss Pauline G. King, Mrs. Harry H. King, Mrs. A. F. Chapman, Mr. Maurice E. Tyler, Mrs. Maurice E. Tyler, Mr. H. T. Sawin, Mrs. N. H. Springer, Mr. E. H. Young, Everett McKee, Evander Whitman, Mr. Rufus Skillings, Mr. Levi Brown, Fred Wheeler, Mr. Payson Philbrook, Charlie Frost, Mildred Bosserman, W. E. Bosserman, Mrs. Fred Wheeler, E. L. Wheeler, Mrs. R. R. Tibbatts, Mr. J. M. Philbrook, Mrs. J. M. Philbrook, Miss L. M. Stearns, Mrs. Annie Willey, Mary Atherton, Mrs. Eugene Martyn, George Harding, Mona L. Martyn, Eugene Martyn, Alice French, A. Van Den Kerckhove, Dan Smith, Mr. Pollard, M. T. Pratt, Irving French, Philip Barker, W. A. Bragg, N. E. Richardson, Fred Douglass, Miss Whitman, Mrs. Boyker, Mr. Whitney, Mr. Hanson, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Hutchins, Mrs. W. E. Bosserman, Mrs. S. P. Stearns, Annie Hamlin, Mrs. G. T. Bean, Miss Ann Cross, Mary H. Chapman, Dr. Wild Twaddle, Mrs. Wild Twaddle, Addie Gordon, Fred Gordon, Lizzie A. Stearns, Mrs. Howard Thurston, Mrs. H. M. Farwell, Marjorie Farwell, H. M. Farwell, Mrs. Chas. Farwell, Mrs. C. M. Andrews, Cora Bean, Miss Harriet Merrill, Mrs. Bernard Rutwell, Miss Thorpe, Susie Plaisant, William Vandekerckhove, Mrs. Clarence Thomas, Mrs. Hibbard, A. Friend, Mrs. Edna Roberts, Mr. A. L. Roberts, Mrs. Ruth Poole, Mr. William Peller, Dr. J. G. Gehring, Mrs. J. G. Gehring, Mrs. Ziba Durkee, Mrs. Ziba Durkee, Mr. William Bingham, Mr. William Leggett, Miss Margarette Young, Mrs. Mary Young, Wm. J. Young, Mr. Wallace Merrill, Mrs. Will Foley, Mr. Will Foley, Mr. Augustus Lamere, Adrien L. Grover, Ruth B. Grover, Florice M. McInnis, Kenneth C. McInnis, Mildred McInnis, Clarence Barker, E. O. Reid, Mrs. E. N. Robertson, Mr. E. N. Robertson, Mrs. C. D. Morrill, Paul Head, H. N. Head, Mrs. H. N. Head, Marion H. Frost, Frank H. Ordway, Edmund Smith, Cleveland Waterhouse, George Bennett, Nicholas Mathew, Mrs. Ira Hickford, Mrs. Frank Gibson, L. A. Sumner, Mrs. L. A. Sumner, Mr. Douglas Cushing, Edward Brown, Mrs. Anna Stearns, Charles W. McInnis, John Mathew, Mrs. E. B. Bartlett, Mrs. E. M. Hall, W. J. Douglass, Mrs. Stewart, Leslie Chase, Mary True, Helen H. Bean, Mr. F. C. Bean, Mrs. Jas. Swan, Mrs. Jas. Swan, Mrs. Russell Swan, Mr. Geo. Hastings, Mrs. Geo. Hastings, Robert Hastings, William Hastings, Mrs. May Kimball, Mrs. Ceylon Kimball, Mrs. W. B. Bartlett, Mrs. A. M. Bean, Mr. A. M. Bean, Mr. C. K. Martin, Mrs. C. K. Martin, Mrs. Elmer Trask, Mrs. Walter Brink, Miss Edna Bartlett, Mrs. Carrie Bartlett, Miss Maria Pease, Mrs. Sadie Tuell, Mr. J. W. Russell, Miss A. Z. Russell, Mrs. Chas. Bean, Leslie Smith, Mr. George Smith, Mrs. George Smith, Rev. J. H. Little, Mrs. John Burdick, Mr. Benjamin Goodwin, H. C. Rowe, Rosemond Grover, Oscar Thomas, Dr. Ernest Brown, Mrs. Hattie Hall, Mrs. Ray Bennett, P. H. Hall, Mrs. J. W. Russell, Mr. H. N. Pyle, Mrs. H. N. Pyle, Mrs. L. B. Gilley, Frances A. Carter, Miriam Herrick, Mrs. A. R. Herrick, Margaret Herrick, Alice O. Hanson, Miss Hodgson, Mrs. A. C. Holt, Mrs. Anna H. Kimball, Mrs. E. R. Whitmer, Mrs. Alanson Tyler, Mr. H. E. Young, Mrs. H. E. Young, Mrs. P. A. Chandler, Miss Alice Barker, Robert Richards, Miss Grace Farwell, Miss Edith Morse, Miss Lillian Morse, Mrs. (Continued on page 3)

GOULD'S ACADEMY

The reception tendered to Miss Marjorie T. Pratt at Holden Hall on Monday evening was an expression of the warm appreciation and affection of the students of Gould's Academy for this eminently successful teacher. Scores of pupils have entered and passed out from the portals of the Academy since Miss Pratt became a member of the faculty, and all bear testimony to the thoroughness of her methods, to her wise counsel and her kindly cooperation with all student activities. In the girls' dormitory at Holden Hall Miss Pratt will be missed perhaps even more than in the classroom, as it was here that her excellent judgment and conscientious attention to details of management, as preceptress, contributed so much to the efficiency of the Hall.

Miss Pratt was assisted in receiving by Miss Ruth Cole and Robert Hanson, presidents respectively of the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., which organizations gave the reception. After all the guests had arrived, Miss Pratt was escorted to a desk on which were Christmas cards from all the students and many alumnae together with a substantial monetary gift. There was no special ceremony, but Miss Pratt was made to feel the spirit of friendship which prompted the offering, and the earnest wishes of all her friends for success in her new field of effort.

Refreshments were served later, and the boys were escorted on a tour of inspection through the rooms in the dormitory, including the kitchen.

There was a merry Christmas party at Holden Hall. The tables at dinner were prettily arranged under direction of Mr. Pollard. There was a "joke" Christmas tree which was much enjoyed, many of the gifts being good hits and causing much merriment. Mr. Hanson distributed the gifts and made a fine Santa, then everyone joined in clearing the dining room and games were played till half past four.

Mr. Pollard offered prizes to the boys and girl scoring most points in the card games. There were four tables. Prize for boys was won by William Driscoll. There was a tie on the girls prize between Miss Pratt and Berneice Keniston which was settled in favor of Miss Keniston. The prizes were souvenirs of yesterday brought by Mr. Pollard from the Petrified Forest in Arizona and will be much treasured.

There was also a prettily decorated tree upstairs for the Driscoll and Keniston children with presents from far and near.

Last Thursday evening a very successful entertainment was given in the gymnasium for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A. The first part of the program consisted of a one act play in which the characters were taken by Misses Becker, Cole, Tyler, Jackson and Ordway, all of whom evoked much applause by the excellence of their acting. The play was preceded by a clever monologue written by Miss Gwendolyn Godwin, in which many of the teachers and students were referred to with appropriate jokes. Music was furnished in the intervals by a quartet composed of Messrs. Robert Hanson, Harold and Roger Bartlett and Laughlin, also by the boys' orchestra of the Academy. In the second half of the program games were played and lunch boxes, prepared by the girls, were auctioned off. The entertainment netted about \$21.

The basket ball team played Norway at Norway on Friday evening and put up an excellent game, though defeated by the score of 34 to 22.

Harry Young, Eugene Van Den Kerckhove and Roy and Ray Cummings were visitors at the Academy this week.

There will probably be a game of basket ball between Gould's and the alumni, Friday night.

Mrs. Tuell took dinner at the Bethel Inn as the guest of Judge and Mrs. A. Z. Herrick.

Miss Hazel Keniston will lead the Y. W. C. A. this week.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus asks all the Bethel kiddies to play with him out doors around his big tree in front of the Bethel Inn next Saturday at 4 P. M.

This means all the girls and boys, whether big or little.

SURPRISES!

MORRIS PRATT'S BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Gehring's Address

To the Students of Gould's Academy

Although the observance of the one birthday Gould's Academy loves to honor has this year been changed in date and character, (on account of the protection of the public health which the strict quarantine of our efficient Board of Health has wisely enforced) there has been no thought of losing this recognition from the annals of the year. Too many associations have clustered around these eight years to make us undervalue their influence. Therefore I make my annual address to you as usual, only using the courteous columns of The Citizen as the means of reaching you and the loyal friends of the school. Just fancy, dear boys and girls, that I am standing before you at the Academy as you read, and I shall surely see your faces as I write.

A year ago when we met, the war shadow was over us all. I then told you that the brother of Morris Pratt, Lieutenant Richard Pratt, had "gone over," a young man with everything to leave that makes life beautiful; and I told you with what quiet bravery he went to meet—what might prove to be the "supreme sacrifice." You will be glad to know that out of the trench horrors and the dreadful stress of the last days of the war he has come forth unharmed in body and, who can doubt, grandly enriched in character. I know you are giving in your hearts three rousing cheers for the safe return of Lieutenant Richard Pratt whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Millard Pratt, have for years, in the name of their son Morris, held open the doors of Gould's Academy.

Our boys and girls; you have lived through an experience such as never before fell to the lot of any young people in any country—for never before was there a world war with so many nations as factors in a problem so awful. History has been created day by day. We have lived beside it these last four years. You young people have heard far-off countries familiarly spoken of in daily intercourse. Nations that were only names have become vividly interesting, and races you hardly knew existed have flashed before you, so that you have all been pupils in a wonderful world-school which has taught history, geography, biography as no globe, map, or text book that ever existed, while great philanthropies and patriotic movements have swept you into active service.

Your new knowledge of England's oriental or tropical colonies, for example; how hardly recognizable, by our standards, some of them seemed four years ago, and now linked into a great brotherhood for a common cause, and looking at one another with an inner understanding! What a great friendly new world before us all! And the wide boundaries of races and American colonies! We have had Spaniards, Mexicans, Indians, Negroes, French, Italians, Bohemians, Germans and Austrians, and many other nationalities joining our native-born Americans in the great struggle that one great God,—Liberty, should live.

A Russian lady, exiled from her country because of her patriotic desire to save her country from what is now being called it, said to me many years ago: "You born Americans do not know what it means to be a true American."

You must first suffer under a tyrant. I am the true American patriot!" It is true that there are no such loyal lovers of America as those whose parents exiled themselves to escape the rule of such tyrants as the one who today sits under the ruins of his own Tower of Babel! Only those who have been in bondage really know what freedom means.

We have a great truth to face at this stage in our days of progress. No one who has worthily passed through the terrible tests that this war has exacted from human beings but stands upon a far higher plane than those who have not had this awful experience. Some of us know a cruel form of suffering we have never met before; we shall never forget it. But only those who have gone into the depths of battle here will have the strength to re-enter life without fear! That is their great compensation!

And you Bethel boys and girls have been protected by those brave souls. Now one of you but is under a life-long obligation to the soldiers of America who saved Bethel from becoming another Baghdad. For we in America were to have become the next victims, had Germany been the conqueror. As long as we live, we shall remember that.

But the end is not yet on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 28th at 4 o'clock there will be a Children's Party to which all the children of the town are invited, to gather around the Tree on the Common in front of the Inn. And it is rumored that a good time is in store for the kiddies, particularly a fitting close to an enjoyable and successful week.

PEACE CHRISTMAS

Fittingly Observed in Bethel

This glad Christmastide is appealing to us all in the fullest significance of its true spirit, ushering in, as it surely is, the dawn of Peace. The sentiment of good-will prevails in all our hearts and craves tangible recognition. Indeed there can be no heart at this time which is not touched and quickened by the Christmas sense of joyousness, gratitude, and the bestowal of good cheer.

The desire to make this a real season of rejoicing was and is being realized in Bethel, the plans for observing Christmas week emanating from some of the generous souls who are at present dwellers in our midst but who cannot henceforth be entitled strangers within our gates. Our charming hostelry, the Bethel Inn, has been the theatre of operations, from the inception of the plan to the fulfillment of these plans. Ideas and suggestions were formulated into systematic measures, and the enthusiastic and whole-souled leadership of the two ladies residing at the Inn produced ready response for assistance from all in the circle sheltered by or connected with the Inn.

Made possible by a liberal financial advancement from a number of generous friends Santa Claus was enabled to send to Boston and procure gifts of books and toys for 45 children in homes which might not be reached by other means, and these gifts were received by the children the day before Christmas.

One of the earliest features of the week was the fluting and raising of a Community Christmas Tree on the Common. Adorned with colored lights this perfectly formed fir became a proverbial Yuletide Tree when the electric current was switched on Christmas eve. Completed by a lightly falling snow, what an ideal scene was presented to the large gathering of citizens old and young, when, on Christmas eve a company of carollers took their places on the porch, candles from the Inn windows alight, and the entrance in its array of festive greens! During the carol singing welcoming words to the assemblage were spoken by Hon. W. W. Thomas, the Christmas Gospel was read by the Rev. Mr. Smith of New York, and then as the rich, sweet notes of Miss Thorpe's contralto sang the words of the beautiful carol O Holy Night those standing in the snowy dimness outside felt amply recompensed for the effort of a walk or drive from afar. A delegation of young people including the Boy Scouts, under Mr. Pollard's leadership, visited a few homes of elderly friends, repeating the carols. Last of all through the hospitality of the Inn, steaming coffee and plenty of doughnuts were dispensed to all.

For long days previous the Inn had been undergoing festive transformation with evergreens and brilliant touches of scarlet. With Miss Olmsted directing, and the unstinted giving of time, strength and talent, there was evolved a vista of rooms artistically and attractively adorned. So that on Christmas day when some 45 guests enjoyed a perfectly appointed and delicious dinner it was amid surroundings in harmony with the spirit of the season. To these of Dr. Gehring's family and friends there was an added feature of revelry and mirth—a progressive innovation in charge of two quasi Belshazzars, with whom no one disputed dictatorialship!

This has been the season of mysteries from time immemorial! A Christmas Eve without a "Tree" indoors would be incomplete even to those of mature age. After the evening meal, with no questions asked, the guests at the Inn awaited developments from behind the closed doors of the living room. At the correct moment, from a doorway appeared the figure of Uncle Sam true to the letter in the accepted form, followed by Santa Claus, the only true and genuine (the himself, in turn accompanied by his spouse now known as Mary Christmas, also two representatives from the world of Nature, a Broom Rabbit and a gentle donkey. To pipe and drum all followed these personages in a merry march up and down, and round about, last into the room of mystery, where to a circle around a gay, little tree, Santa Claus presented his reports and tokens of a personal and social nature. Appropriate jokes were the eventual but good humored penalty for all present.

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WANT COLUMN.

Twenty-five words or less, one week, 25 cents; second week, 15 cents; each additional week, 10 cents.

Each word more than 25: One week, 1 cent and each additional week, 1/2 cent.

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Men to cut 4 foot spruce and fir pulp wood at the stump. Good chance and a good price.

M. L. THURSTON, Bethel, Maine.

NOTICE

This is the last month in which to purchase your War Savings Stamps, and, as only a limited amount are on hand at the Bethel Postoffice, you should make your application before December 25 to insure delivery.

G. L. THURSTON, P. M.

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Fur lined glove with one button Turquoise clasp, between my house and Postoffice. Finder please return to RAY CROCKETT.

12-12 Bethel, Maine.

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One yearling Hereford bull.

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Will pay 50 cents for live rabbits delivered at my house.

A. F. CHAPMAN, Bethel, Maine.

WANTED

Matrons and teachers at once for institution work. Good pay to the right person. Address all inquiries to the CITIZEN OFFICE.

12-18 Bethel, Maine.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS

There was once a holiday spirit so spread abroad in our village that it has never been forgotten.

These fortunate enough to have come under its broad wings well remember what Mr. and Mrs. Robert Winsor and their young family did to make people the happier here in Bethel, one Christmas week.

The shadow of a great sorrow rests upon them today. The handsome and winning lad, Phillip, grown late splendid young manhood, was so attractive in his personality and because of his kindly and chivalrous considerations that during his last visit in Bethel he was universally admired and beloved. On October 21th he died in France of pneumonia, only twenty-five years of age!

Both Phillip and his two brothers were resolute in their determination to be enlisted as soldiers and to fight for the great Principle involved. One is a Captain, the other a Lieutenant.

The sympathy of the village will surely flow out in unstinted measure in this family in their time of sadness, as we recall how generous they have been in making gladness that Merry Christmas week, years ago. J. G. G.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1919.

NORWAY

Mrs. Charles Wheeler of Bethel visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Miller, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bickford of No. Waterford have moved into the new over the Fletcher family store for the winter.

Miss Irene Locke has resumed her work in the telephone office, after being out for some weeks on account of illness.

Miss Christine Leavitt is at home for a few weeks' vacation.

Eugene Hutchins is at home from Portland, and much improved in health. Calvin Kneeland of Weld visited his daughter, Mrs. Phyllis Curtis, and family last week. Before coming here he visited his son, Ralph, in Somerville, Mass.

Miss Katherine Jones, Miss Virginia Miller, Miss Leona Sloan, Miss Elva Perry, Miss Doris Longley, Miss Jones and David Klein are at home from Bates for the holiday recess. Miss Longley is clerking in Brown & Buck's dry goods store and Miss Sloan is working at Poland Spring during the vacation. The schools in town are closed for one week.

Ralph R. Osgood and niece, Mabel Osgood, went Saturday to Lowell, Mass., to spend the holiday season, probably for two weeks, and Mabel may remain at her home there.

The Norway Farmers Union will hold a meeting at Orange Hall, Saturday, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock, previous to the Grange meeting. Owing to the death of the president, a new officer will be elected. Other business of importance will come before the meeting. The union members some over forty members at the present time, and it is in a flourishing condition.

The body of Carroll L. Gray was brought to Norway this week for burial in Pine Grove Cemetery.

Funeral services for Julia E. McIntire were held at the home of her son, Bertram O. McIntire, Crescent street, Thursday afternoon. Rev. O. W. Rice of Waterford officiated. Interment took place in the cemetery in Hackettstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howe are receiving congratulations on the birth of a seven and a half pound daughter, born Thursday afternoon, Dec. 19th.

Arthur Robbins has taken the job of Chas. H. & Clifford to haul 600 cords of wood and pulp to the village for L. M. Curran, who will supply his employees with wood for the winter, making their fuel problem easier than last winter.

Harry Goodwin is enlarging his flock of poultry and plans within a short time to have at least 200 at his Pike's Hill farm. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin plan to remain at home this year.

Another busy place on Pike's Hill is the D. W. Goodwin and Son's farm, where they are milking 20 cows, and handling 200 quarts of milk daily. Their cows had escaped hardship this summer and they received \$1400 from the yield.

Mrs. James Marr was called to No. Waterford by the death of her brother, Alphonse Charles, who died very suddenly.

Cataract Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal medicine. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best medicines known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Read for testimonials, free. P. J. CHERRY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, price 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

George P. Dunn, who moved to the village from his farm on Pike's Hill two weeks ago, is to assist in the Gibson grain mill this winter. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson and two daughters, the Misses Marion and Mary, plan to go to California early in January for the remainder of the winter.

Earl Thibodeau, who has been stationed at Ellsworth, as exemption board clerk, has been discharged from the service, and has returned to his teaching at Stoneham, Mass.

George L. Noyes received a wire from Washington this week, notifying him that his son, Gordon M. Noyes, had been severely wounded. This news followed an official report last week that Pvt. Noyes, who had been reported missing in action since Sept. 25, had been returned to his company, from a German prison camp.

Miss Mildred Curtis, teacher of Domestic Science at Houlton, came home Monday evening for a stay of a few weeks, as the schools closed earlier than scheduled, on account of the influenza. If conditions improve she will return on Dec. 30th.

Richard Kimball has received his discharge from the U. S. Service and arrived home from Dartmouth training school, Monday evening. Mr. Kimball has had an excellent position offered him, as manager of a drug store at Farmington, N. H., where he worked previous to entering the service.

Mrs. Marjorie Stanton and son, Francis, who have been the guests of Mrs. George J. Locke for several weeks, returned to their home in Boston, Tuesday.

Kenneth C. Gurney has closed his camp at Lake Kennebec, East Stoneham, and is visiting his sister, Mrs. Clarence H. Downing, for a few days before returning to Boston.

The Misses Helen and Stella Pike have been spending a few days at their home in Norway, called here by the death of their brother, Elbridge Pike, at Waterford. They have closed their cottage at Old Orchard and taken a room in Portland for the present. They will return to Portland, Friday.

Prof. and Mrs. Harold Eaton and son, Francis, of Bangor arrived Thursday, and will spend the holiday week with Mrs. Eaton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gargent.

Miss Mary Holt, who teaches in Somerville, Mass., at the Institute for feeble minded children, will spend the Christmas vacation with her mother and brother, Mrs. Holt, and Herbert Holt. Miss Mabel Osgood, who has been spending the summer with her brother, Ralph W. Osgood, returned to her home in Lowell, Mass., Saturday.

John Walker, who works at Poland Spring, has returned to his daughter's, Mrs. Fred Hosmer, for the winter.

Mrs. Fred Hazelden of North Waterford was in town Thursday. The rainy day and Thank Offering Boxes of the Ladies' Circle of the Bethel Congregational church are to be called in the last week in December. When the boxes were opened in July, Mrs. Hazelden's side had Mrs. Bartlett's by six dollars. The captains on Mrs. Holmes' side are Miss Helen Holmes, Mrs. Charles Lohby, Mrs. Fred Smith, and Mrs. Gladys Rich. Mrs. Bartlett's captains are Mrs. Mary Chase, Mrs. Edith Rich, Mrs. Fred Hosmer, Mrs. Al-

MAINE GETS ABERDEEN-ANGUS HERD

Philip H. Park, Boston business man, recently started east after completing a deal that sends to Maine the greatest herd of pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle east of the Hudson river and one of the best east of Ohio. Mr. Park not only bought three "fops" off the Aberdeen-Angus sale at the International, but went out to Kansas and purchased some thirty head from the firm of Sutton & Wells. For Esperanza 6th of Western Poultry he paid \$1475 to Col. W. H. Cooper, Hedrick, Iowa; and for Black Karma of Oakville, \$1025 to J. Tudor & Son, Iowa City, Iowa. Quomita of Tierra Alta cost him an even \$500, coming from the herd of Sam H. Hill & Son, Christoval, Texas.

"The East is ready for high class beef cattle," said Mr. Park, in speaking of his purchases. "The show of pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus at the New York State Fair last fall was a revelation to me as to the best qualities of the breed, and I decided then that I would come to the International and see the world's greatest beef show to get a line on what I wanted. The winning of the bull grand championship by a New York business man is another sign of the time that indicates the new era that is dawning for eastern agriculture. The labor shortage is one of the points that is bringing in beef cattle for the East. With one man, a herd can be handled on our eastern farms, and the Aberdeen-Angus being the highest class beef and fitting into hilly lands best, it is the breed I have chosen. Our dairy herds have been losing propositions for the farmers in recent years, and the labor shortage is forcing many out. The beef animal takes their place nicely."

"At Chicago I saw the Aberdeen-Angus steers win over the other breeds in four out of five inter-breed competitions, only the fat carlot going to another breed, and that being the first time in nine years that Aberdeen-Angus hadn't won it. Grand championship steer, steer head, carcass and boys' and girls' calf were all black, this being the sixteenth successive carcass grand championship for the Angus on carcass."

RUMFORD POINT

O. A. Damon and wife of Andover were in town, Tuesday.

Lon Wright and wife of Newry were in town, Wednesday.

Miss Sadie White is on the sick list. Miss Lottie Elliott still remains very ill.

Hopkins & Manton caught 3,500 lbs. of suckers in Ellis River last week.

George Curtis is having good success selling the History of the World War.

THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN IS ONLY \$1.50 PER YEAR WHEN PAID IN ADVANCE. SUBSCRIBE NOW.

Bert L. Clark and Mrs. Abigail L. Buck, The Versaids Charity Club have appointed their committees for the year as follows: Meale, Mrs. Lucella Bar-

gess, Mrs. Addie Hill, flower committee, Mrs. Eva Kilgore, Mrs. Addie Hill, Mrs. Virg Kilgore; apron committee, Mrs. Radie Lapham, Mrs. Florence Smith, Mrs. Nellie Goodwin, Mrs. Nellie Merrill, Mrs. Sadie Westcott; sick committee, Mrs. Virgie Murdoch, Mrs. Maggie Dyer, Mrs. Cordelia McKay; quilt committee, Mrs. Emma Swan, Mrs. Florence Hosmer, Mrs. Helen Canwell, Mrs. Hester Walker, Mrs. Cassie Starbird, Mrs. Addie Russell; dish committee, Miss Clara Jordan; trustee, Mrs. Virgie Murdoch; press correspondents, Miss Clara L. Jordan. The next meeting will be held Friday evening with Mrs. Radie Lapham, Danforth street.

PLATE NUMBERS FOR AUTOS IN YEAR OF 1919

Background of Dark Red, Figures and Letters in White

Secretary of State Frank W. Hall has contracted for automobile plates for the coming year and they are now on their way from the manufacturer at St. Louis. The number and class of plates to be furnished will be as follows: Pleasure vehicle registration plates, 45,000 sets of two each; commercial vehicle registration plates, 45,000 sets of two each; commercial vehicle registration plates, 4,000 sets of two each; automobile dealers' registration plates, 5,000 sets of five pairs each; motor cycle registration plates, 2,000; motor cycle dealers' registration plates, 50 sets of three each; zone tags, 100; special plates, 10 sets of two each.

The contract specifies that all plates be made from open hearth steel, thoroughly pickled and cold rolled, well coated with an electric bicycle enamel and thoroughly baked. The background of each plate will be dark wine or tuxedo red and all figures and letters shall be white.

Pleasure vehicle registration plates will be six and one-quarter inches wide, carrying the word "Maine" and "1919" at the bottom of the plate, the letters and figures of which shall be one inch in height together with the registration number expressed in arabic numerals four inches in height.

Commercial plates shall be furnished in pairs, or sets of two, each six and one-half inches wide, bearing the word "Maine" and "1919" at the bottom of the plate, the letters and figures of which shall be one inch in height, together with the registration number expressed in arabic numerals, four inches in height, preceded by the letter "X".

Motor cycle plates shall be four inches wide, and six and one-quarter inches long, bearing the letter "M" one and one-eighth inches in height and one and one-quarter inches in width, in the center at the top of the plate, and the word "Maine" and "1919" at the bottom of the plate in letters and figures five-eighths of an inch in height, with the registration number expressed in arabic numerals, one and one-quarter inches in height.

Dealers' plates shall be six and one-quarter inches wide, bearing the word "Maine" and the figures "1919" at the bottom of the plate, the letters and figures of which shall be one inch in height together with the registration number expressed in arabic numerals four inches in height.

Motor cycle dealers' plates shall be four inches wide and six and one-quarter inches long, bearing the word "Maine" at the top of the plate in letters and figures to be five-eighths of an inch in height, with the registration number expressed in arabic numerals one and one-quarter inches in height. Each registration number shall be preceded by the letter "M."

Zone plates shall be six inches wide and eight inches long, oval in shape, bearing the letters "ME," one inch in height at the top side of the plate, with "1919" expressed in figures one inch in height at the bottom side of the plate, together with the registration number expressed in arabic numerals two inches in height on the center of the plate.

Special plates shall be six and one-quarter inches wide, bearing the word "Maine" and "1919" at the bottom of the plate, the letters and figures of which shall be one inch in height, together with registration number expressed in arabic numerals four inches in height. Each stroke of each numeral shall be one half inch in width. There shall be one half inch space between the numerals of the number. The numbers shall be preceded by the letters "R. H. C." four inches in height.

Each plate having more than three numerals in the registration number shall have the numeral representing thousands and that representing hundred separated by a dash, three quarters of an inch in length and one half inch in width.

LOOKER'S MILLS

Mrs. Clara Howe was home from Bethel one day last week.

Miss Lillian was in Andover, carrying workmen for C. B. Tobolsky last week.

Miss Lillian from Waterford visited her aunt, Mrs. Elmer Pike, one day last week.

Frank Chapman from Mechanic Falls visited at her brother's, Arthur Chapman's, the week end.

Mrs. Alice King was in Lewiston, shopping, Wednesday.

R. E. Farrington is still in poor health.

Leon Bond has closed her house and gone to Portland for the winter.

Elmer Roberts has moved his family from the Cummings rent into the Street House.

W. W. Goodridge sold two cows to Roy Tins last Friday.

Thomas Green arrived home Friday from overseas. He says he weighs more and feels better than when he went away.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold King of Norway were in town, Sunday, coming in an auto.

THE BANK OF SAFETY and SERVICE

THE FOUR C'S

It has been well said that:—"Co-operation, concentration, courage and conservation are the four C's that will win the war."

Consider the many ways in which the Paris Trust Company can make its service useful to you.

Your Checking Account is invited.
2 Per Cent Interest Paid on Check Accounts of \$500 and over.

PARIS TRUST COMPANY
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE
BRANCH BANK AT BUCKFIELD ME.
PAYS INTEREST ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Bargains

IN
Women's Button Boots

We have a lot of women's button boots, which are being sold at bargain prices.

LOT NO. 1.
200 Pairs. A mixed lot Patent Leather, Gun Metal and Vici Kid. These boots would cost to-day 6.00 and 6.50. Our price now is \$4.00.

LOT NO. 2.
150 Pairs of Gun Metal, button, worth 4.50. Our price now is \$3.00. It is a good time to buy shoes now, they will be higher.

E. N. SWETT SHOE CO.

OPERA HOUSE BLOCK, TELEPHONE 38-2
NORWAY, MAINE
We pay postage on all mail orders.

INSURANCE

All Kinds of Insurance in the Best of Companies can be had at this office. Established in August, 1865, and being, therefore, one of the oldest agencies in Oxford County, this agency is prepared to give the same careful attention to your insurance needs as has marked its career for over FIFTY YEARS.

Consult us when next you have insurance to place.

STUART W. GOODWIN, Agent
SUCCESSOR TO FRIEDLAND HOWE
146 MAIN STREET. Telephone **NORWAY, MAINE**

Is Your Home Protected?

This matter of lightning rods should be a personal one with you.

Is your home protected? If not, can you afford to take the chances of its destruction? You may have been spared up to this time, but give it a moment's thought and see whether it has not been through your good fortune rather than through your good management.

You have no assurance that lightning will continue to spare you.

It has visited your neighbors. Your turn may come next. If it should visit your home, it means certain destruction of property. It may mean sudden death to you or to some member of your family.

You cannot shift the responsibility. It is a matter for you to decide. Face the issue squarely and ask yourself the question whether you are playing the part of the prudent man in neglecting to guard your home and dear ones from the lightning stroke which may come at any time.

You have the highest assurance that can be given the Dodd System of lightning rods does give protection.

It is a reasonable system. The demonstrations put its effectiveness beyond question.

The position that the insurance companies have taken in the matter should have great weight with you.

Their interests are to preserve property. They have no personal interests in Dodd & Struthers.

Your interests are the same. You want to preserve your property—and your life and the lives of your family.

The insurance companies are encouraging you to protect your property.

But they cannot force you to act. It is a question for you and a question of NOW.

After awhile may be too late. Will you answer the question to your own best interests?


Then if in doubt, telephone to A. W. Walker & Son for a demonstration, and estimate on your buildings.

A. W. WALKER & SON
Agents
SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

WILLIAM TELL

FLOUR



"Mr. Hoover says we must guard our flour supply, so I am guarding WILLIAM TELL. I don't know what we would do without it, 'cause Mother won't use anything else. She says it's the best and the 'savingest' flour there is."

DAISY BAKER

For Sale By J. B. HAM CO., Bethel, Maine.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Beverages—A
umn Dedicated to T
Mothers as they join
Home Circle at Eve
Tide.

The proverb, "Be to my fault
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The Value of Good Temper
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with mother should supply all
excuses for the home."

Buy Swasey Bean Pot

Of your Green, Swasey
Dealer or Grocer. You
the more and get a Swasey
Bean Pot and enjoy the
best beans. The way
this best bean pot is
SWASEY BEAN PO
tents in every one.

E. SWASEY & CO., Portland, M

THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

The proverb, "Be to my faults a little blind, and to my virtues ever kind," is an old one, but how much we need it in every day life. You think you do not say an unkind word to anyone, and yet an acquaintance calls at your home and you discuss the characteristics or personal affairs of your friends, or this good quality or excellent taste or superior mind, then you criticize severely some minor fault. "Oh," you say, "these are only little just criticisms, it does no harm for us to speak of these faults." Yes, but the spirit of criticism should be overcome. The one who criticizes leaves the impression that she is envious or jealous. The habit of referring to people's faults grows as all habits do, and after a time you see only the disagreeable side of everything and everybody. Then, when you think of the faults of others think how many faults your friends can find in you; there are quite a list all your own.

We all like the young woman who says the kind, pleasant things and have you observed that when you say the pleasant things you feel pleasant? Commence today, and for a day at a time conquer this cruel spirit of criticism and very soon your fault will be entirely obliterated and you will be able to speak only of the good of your friends.

Cruel criticism is largely a bad habit. A young lady of our acquaintance said something about a dear friend one day that was malicious and amusing, too, for those who heard her laughed. "How clever," some one said, and the speaker was so pleased that her companions had been so agreeably entertained that she studied to make these so-called clever speeches, seeking the weak points in the armor of every one she knew. Then her pride in her cultivated cleverness had a fall. When lunching with companions in a public place she repeated, as usual, some very odd characteristics of her dear friend, exaggerated to a high point in order to provoke social merriment. Think of the clever girl's feelings, when rising she discovered this best friend sitting at a table with her hearing distance. Then the clever girl saw herself as others saw her, and she resolved that in the future she would only speak of the best in people, she lived up to her resolve, but lost the love and friendship of a true hearted young woman.

The Value of Good Temper
Sometimes one is endowed at birth with good temper, and sometimes we find young men and women whom we appreciate very much because they represent the victory of right over wrong. It is not easy to get the better of one's self; it is not easy to keep the bad temper quiet, to speak the kind word; this is achieved by repeated effort. Having a bad temper does not excuse one flying into a rage and saying unkind words and doing unkind acts. Oh, yes, we can apologize, but all the apologies in the world do not blot out bitter words. Harsh and unreasonable words do make a difference; they are the "tiny rift within the lute that by and by will silence the music of friendship."

A reader of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Letters," says: "They show how well he practiced in every day life the gospel of courage, of the high moral value of good temper, and of the crime of gloom and despondency. A fit of irritation was a thing to be ashamed of, and he apologized for being occasionally cast down by his ill health. One cannot fail to be struck by the buoyant and joyous note in Stevenson, whose whole life was a struggle with disease. By pure will power he prevented physical pain from mastering his spirit. He felt that a man's duty was to be cheerful and helpful for the sake of others, and that it was a miserable poor thing to let one's own suffering shadow others' lives. Hence this heroic soul in weak body was a happiness-maker, both in his home circle and in the larger circle touched by his books. He cultivated good temper because he realized its moral value. When it comes to be recognized more generally, as it ought to be, that good temper is not only cultivable but a Christian duty, and that one has no moral right to let gloom and despondency upon the home members of the community, we shall doubtless see a marked change for the better. Doubtless a sunny disposition is natural to some, and not to others; but all may acquire this, as well as any other virtue, and its possession is one of the strong recommendations of one's religion. There is no reason why one member of the family—say the unselfish mother—should supply all the sunshine for the home."

Buy Swasey Bean Pots

Of your favorite Swasey Bean Pot and enjoy your beans. Buy Swasey Bean Pots. Swasey & Co., Portland, Me.

What Is Patriotism?

WHILE the fight was on, we gave and loaned millions to our government.

Now the fight is off.

Shall we, who loaned our money THEN, withhold it NOW?

What was our motive for lending to the government?

Was it patriotism—or was it the Fear of the Hun?

The kind of patriotism that grows in Maine should cheerfully continue to face the huge debts of our government—and lend, lend, LEND.

Our government still needs billions of dollars to pay the just price of victory. Its debts must be paid now, with money loaned by the people, regardless of future indemnities from the enemy.

The test of the loyalty, the patriotism of Maine people—of the civilian people of this State—has come. To lend now is pure patriotism, backed by sound business sense.

This State owes to the U. S. Government the duty of lending over five million dollars at good interest and without risk, to pay the carfare and the food and clothing bills of our own boys in uniform.

That duty is urgent; its discharge is vital. Until it is discharged our State and its people are very justly subject to American and foreign criticism. This duty is personal to every man and woman in Maine. The time is short. Next month will not do.

Buy War Savings Stamps

SOUTH PARIS

Richard Millett is at home from Boston University for the holiday vacation. Mrs. F. L. Cann of New York is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tolman.

Albert L. King of the Naval Reserve has been promoted from ensign to junior lieutenant.

Miss Marjorie Penley is at home from her teaching in Waterville for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Geneva Young is at home from her teaching in Medford, Mass., for the Christmas recess.

News was received Tuesday of the birth of a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Charles S. Stuart of Bangsley.

Miss Muriel Bowker is at home from Gorham Normal School, the school having been closed a week ago on account of the influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirley J. Rawson of Mexico have visited their relatives here during the past week, and remained until after Christmas.

Charles G. Morton and family have gone to Crystal, N. H., where they will spend the winter at the Paris Manufacturing Co.'s lumbering operations.

All the schools in town closed last week for the holiday vacation, to reopen on the 30th of December, and most of the teachers have gone to their homes.

L. L. Mason and E. H. Mosher of the Mason Manufacturing Co., returned Friday night from a business trip to New York. Mrs. Mason accompanied her husband.

Mrs. Martha Evans suffered a slight shock on Monday of last week, but is improving from its effects. Her son, Fred H. Evans of Errol, N. H., has been here during the past week.

The boys and girls of the brick school are quite proud of the fact that in less than eight weeks they have earned enough money, by giving entertainments and socials at the school building, to pay for their \$50 Liberty Bond.

The Riverside Cemetery Association at its annual meeting Saturday afternoon at the office of Wright & Shaw chose the following officers:

Pres.—N. Dayton Bolster.
Treas.—Fred N. Wright.
Sec.—Allen C. Wheeler.

Trustees—N. Dayton Bolster, James E. Wright, J. Hastings Beas.

Mrs. Agnes L. Morton has received some interesting war curios from her son, Raymond W. Penfold, who is in France. The largest articles are two vases, made from brass shells of the famous French 75's. One of these is marked Verdon, and the other Alsace, and a large amount of skillful work is put into the shaping and marking of them. There is also a box made from the base of one of these shells, two paper knives, the handles of which are rifle cartridges, and a tall wooden pipe, of the characteristic German style, which was taken from a German soldier at Verdun.

Henry Wetherell, who has been in the S. A. T. C. at Bowdoin, is spending a few days in town.

Miss Flora Murch and Miss Heryl Silver are assisting in the post office during the Christmas rush.

Capt. D. M. Stewart, who is stationed at Camp Custer, Battle Creek, Mich., arrived home Sunday night to spend the holidays with his family.

The Polian Quartette sang Sunday afternoon at the service at the Norway Universalist church. Mrs. Marlon accompanied them as director and organist.

The Maine Register was delivered here last week, marked 1918-1919, and just about in time to clear the statute of limitations. Rush of war work is the reason given for the late delivery.

E. E. Parker brought in two deer from Upton near the end of the open season. Few have had the luck to get two, more of the hunters not getting one, and the number brought into town this year is doubtless the smallest of any season for some years.

Willard Curtis of Colby College is spending his vacation with his people, Mr. and Mrs. Will Curtis.

Miss Ruth Stuart spent the day, Friday, in Lewiston, shopping.

Herman Bryant of Bates College is with his people, Mr. and Mrs. William Bryant, for the Christmas recess and is employed at the Paris Manufacturing Company.

News has been received from George Dresser at the U. M. G. Hospital that he is fast improving.

Willey Bray, who has been employed at Bath ship yard during the past year, is now spending a short time in town.

Albert Rogers, who is attending Bowdoin College, is at home for the Christmas vacation and clerking in the drug store of Chas. H. Howard.

Archibald Cole made a business trip to Portland, Thursday.

Wm. Bryant of Hill street, who has been ill and confined to his home for some time, has now returned to his work again at Paris Mfg. Company.

Charles W. Bowker was in Lewiston, Thursday, on business in the interest of the town.

At the Birch schoolhouse Friday afternoon Christmas exercises were held in the 8th grade room under the supervision of the teachers, Miss Annie Newcomer, Miss Helen M. Barnes, Miss Irene Littlehale and Miss Winona Padlock. After the program of music and recitations, each class repaired to their respective rooms, where Christmas trees were waiting upon which was bags of candy for each pupil.

The Ladies' Circle of the O. A. R. served supper at the O. A. R. Hall, Thursday evening. The William K. Kimball Post, Sons of Veterans and their wives being guests. After supper the Ladies' Circle was inspected by Mrs. Emma McDonald of Portland.

George R. Morton is on a business trip to Chicago and other places.

Lovell Churchill has been discharged from the service and was calling on friends in town Friday and Saturday.

Henry Wetherell of Gorham, formerly of South Paris, is spending part of his Christmas vacation with friends in town.

Mrs. Mary Ella Daniels is caring for Mrs. Martha Swan. Mrs. Nellie Ellingwood, who has been with Mrs. Swan, returned to her home in Welchville on Monday.

Donald Mason, who attended Worcester Academy, arrived here Friday night to spend his Christmas vacation with his people, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Mason.

Robert Wise of New York is a guest of Mrs. Alta Hankin.

Miss Louisa Tibbitts arrived home Friday evening for the Christmas recess, from Portland, where she is attending Shaw's Business College.

William W. Ripley is ill at his home with the grip.

Miss Ruth Brown of Brewer went to her home, Saturday to spend her Christmas vacation.

CANTON

Miss Carrie F. Hayford has been visiting in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs, who have been attending State Grange at Portland, returned Friday night.

Mrs. Chas. C. Ellis has received word that her grandson, Fred Ellis, has arrived from overseas at Hoboken, N. J.

Miss Wilma Davenport is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Richardson and family in Boston. H. Frank Richardson has been with his parents a couple of days, leaving for Allentown, Pa., Sunday for a six weeks' stay.

Miss Eda Brown, who has been quite ill with influenza, is recovering.

Some of the citizens gathered at the home of Mr. Durgin, Thursday, and worked up his wood pile, for which he was very thankful, as he has not been able to do strenuous work since his accident in the summer. The ladies of the United Baptist church served a nice dinner to the men at noon at the old G. A. R. Hall.

Now telephones have been installed at the schoolhouse and at the home of A. S. Bicknell.

Merna Thomas of Byron comes to Canton each week to take musical instructions of Mrs. L. F. Roberts.

Roy Rich, who was operated on for appendicitis, is getting along nicely.

The funeral of Albert Dunn of Oosterville in 1897. He was the oldest member of the church, and died on Monday, was held Wednesday. The remains were brought to Canton and buried in the cemetery near his old home. He was 85 years of age and for years was a resident of Canton. He was the son of William Dunn and Mary Waite Dunn. He married Rose Ann Conant, who survives. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn had one son, Floyd Dunn, who passed away in 1884, at the age of 21 years. Mr. Dunn moved from Canton to Oosterville in 1897. He was the oldest member of the church, and died on Monday, was held Wednesday. The remains were brought to Canton and buried in the cemetery near his old home. He was 85 years of age and for years was a resident of Canton. He was the son of William Dunn and Mary Waite Dunn. He married Rose Ann Conant, who survives. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn had one son, Floyd Dunn, who passed away in 1884, at the age of 21 years. Mr. Dunn moved from Canton to Oosterville in 1897. 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There has been a gradual and logical movement in the sheep industry toward more and better flocks on the farms of the Central and Eastern States. That the farm States are destined to become the seat of the great sheep industry and the farm flock a more important part in permanent agriculture, is the opinion of specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture who have been in close touch with the situation. While the number and size of the flocks in most of the range States are declining, there is a distinct trend toward the production of more wool and mutton in the States where more intensive farming is practiced, they say.

Taking the entire country as a whole, the sheep industry is on the increase. In 1917 there was an increase of 2.7 per cent in the United States over 1916, according to reports of the Bureau of Census. Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture, while the July 1, 1918, estimates show a 12.7 per cent increase over the same date of the previous year. Further proof that the sheep industry has gathered impetus is shown by the record of wool production, estimates for 1918 showing \$57,921,600 pounds, against \$49,872,000 pounds in 1917.

Reason for Farm Trend

The increase in the farm States and the decrease in the range States is due partly to the fact that range lands have increased in value and the continued encroachment has broken up the areas which were once in free range. In the farm States also, the wool type of sheep has given way to the wool and mutton variety, which has been the principal factor in bringing about an increase. The decline in the sheep industry on the western range should not be interpreted to mean that the business in that section is going to entirely disappear, for there is every reason to believe that the range country will at ways continue as an important sheep producing center. Large areas in western States will not economically lead themselves to any other grazing purposes.

Sheep which yield both wool and mutton are well adapted to more or less intensive farming. Farmers are beginning to realize that sheep of this kind fit admirably into a system of mixed farming, and with the meat and wool markets becoming more stabilized there is little need to become concerned with the yearly market fluctuations of these two products. Sheep on farms should be assured a larger place as they can successfully share with other stock in the economical and profitable utilization of farm crops, as well as being producers

of valuable clothing material for which there is no complete substitute. Doubling our wool production would not render us independent of wool imports but would about meet the needs for military purposes and a large part of that needed for civilian uses.

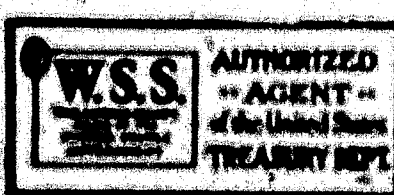
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One of the chief drawbacks at the present time to a more rapid development of the industry in the farming States is the lack of knowledge of good flock management. There is danger in the tendency to rush into this new line of farming, which increased prices have brought about, where experience is lacking. While there is nothing difficult about managing sheep, it must be remembered that sheep breeding is essentially a long-term proposition and not a one season crop like wheat, corn, or oats; and should be entered into with this well in mind if disappointment and failure are to be avoided.

Sheep require a small amount of high-priced grain compared with other farm animals. They utilize and thrive upon forage crops to a great extent and will make use of rough feeds about the farm which other stock will not eat. They require a small amount of labor also, which is one reason for the increase in the industry in the farming States. The rising prices of wool and mutton since 1914 no doubt have added further impetus to sheep raising. Since the advance in price began before the war, it is fair to assume that the war is not to be given all the credit for this upturned activity and that the industry is likely to enjoy continued fair prices for a considerable time after the conclusion of peace.

PLENTY OF ROOM FOR SHEEP

There is plenty of room for the expansion of the sheep industry in the Central and Eastern States, and specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture say that these States can do much to help the western range sheep raisers in producing wool and mutton. A survey of the entire country reveals that there is immediate opportunity for increasing the sheep population to some extent in the rough and idle lands of the Appalachian region, the cut-over timber lands of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and the South Atlantic and Gulf States. There is also much to be done in improving the carrying capacity on many of the farms where sheep are now being raised. The unimproved land in farms amounting to nearly half of their total area, offers considerable possibilities for increasing the number of sheep. Much of this land is now used in a limited way for live stock pastures, while other areas are wholly idle. They could be made to furnish fair summer grazing for sheep, and with slight rearrangement in the cropping system, and the keeping of other live stock, could be made to furnish winter feed for sheep.

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We wish all our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mr. D. C. Conroy was home from Berlin over Sunday.

Mrs. George Harlow was in Norway one day last week.

Mrs. G. L. Thurston was in Portland a few days last week.

Mr. Charles Cross was the guest of relatives for Christmas.

Mr. E. G. Park was in Portland, Friday and Saturday on business.

Mr. W. A. Dearborn of Portland is the guest of Mr. T. B. Goodwin.

Mr. Stuart Goodwin of Norway was a business visitor in town Monday.

Mr. Stanley Wheeler of So. Paris was a business visitor in town last week.

Mr. A. D. Brit of Lynn, Mass., is the guest of Mr. Fred J. Tibbets and family.

Miss Evelyn Fry of Charlestown, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Rich.

Mrs. A. E. Marston of Yarmouth is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Purinton.

Miss Nellie Whitmore of Simmons College is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Valentine.

Miss Maggie Muzzell of Berlin is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Howard Coburn, and family.

Miss Bertha Cole spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole, at Locke's Mills.

Mr. Harry Young is home from the R. A. T. C. at Harvard Dental School for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Hazel Keniston of Freeport is spending the Christmas recess with her mother, Mr. Bertha Keniston.

Sergeant Roy Cummings has been discharged from Camp Shelby, Mississippi and returned home for Christmas.

Mr. Carl Goddard of Hingham, N. Y., is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Goddard.

Miss Alice Brown of Yarmouth is spending the Christmas recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown.

Mr. Howard Carter and family of South Paris came up Thursday for a short visit with his mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Miss Mariel Park came home from Smith College, Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Park.

Miss Iona Tibbets is spending the holiday recess from her school in Augusta with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Tibbets.

Mr. Ray Cummings of Camp Devens was home on a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Cummings, over Christmas.

Capt. Harold Rich of Camp Devens has received his discharge and arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Rich.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Norton were the guests of Mrs. Norton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Herrick, last week on their way to their home in Levant, Me.

Mrs. Sarah Russell and daughter, Glen, returned home from Woodstock, Va., Monday, where they were called by the death of Mrs. Russell's nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Skilling, Miss Ethel Hammond and Miss They Hutchison went to Berlin, Tuesday, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hey Brown and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Skilling, who have been in Berlin several weeks, returned home, Sunday. Mr. Skilling has detained there several days by a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark and son, Albert, Mrs. T. B. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Forbes and Mr. Arthur Forbes spent Christmas with the family of Mrs. Emma Bartlett at West Bethel.

Mrs. I. H. Wight was in Portland, Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gehring were in Norway, Monday.

Miss Edith Ripley was in Portland one day last week.

Mr. Marshall Hastings is visiting relatives in Auburn.

Miss Mona Martyn was in Portland the first of the week.

Mr. William Hall of Oxford was calling on friends in town, Thursday.

Mr. Arnold Brown is home from his work in Grafton for the holidays.

Mrs. Carl Wight of Milan, N. H., is the guest of Dr. I. H. Wight and family.

Miss Elizabeth Chapman is home from her school in Dixfield for the holidays.

Miss Gladys Spearin was the guest of relatives at West Paris a few days last week.

Miss Ethel Hammonds came home from her school in Portland, Saturday for the holidays.

Miss Marlin Mansfield is home from her school at No. Berwick for the Christmas recess.

Mr. H. V. Starrett was in town the first of the week, delivering the 1918-1919 Maine Register.

Misses Frances and Florence Carter of Portland are holiday guests of their mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mrs. Frank Kendall was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Ring, and family at West Paris last week.

Mr. George Perry Pherry of Camp Upton, N. Y., arrived Wednesday for a few days' furlough with friends.

Mr. Winfield Guest of Bowdoin College was the guest of Dr. I. H. Wight and family the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey of South Paris spent Christmas as the guests of Mrs. Bailey's mother, Mrs. Sarah Frost.

Mr. T. B. Burke was the guest of his brother, Mr. Trafton Burke, at Dummer, N. H., the last of the week.

A large line of New Year post cards at the Citizen office for 10 cents a dozen.—Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Glover of Bridgeport, Conn., were guests of Mrs. Glover's brother, Mr. Charles Cole, last week.

Mr. Philip Wight of Bath is spending several days with his wife, who is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Brander Whitman.

Miss Blanche Richardson is home from Yarmouth to spend the Christmas recess with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Richardson.

Sergeant Philip Smith of Camp Devens was home on a few days' furlough this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Smith.

Mr. Rogers Van Den Kerkhoven from the Steamship Admiral is home on a few days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Den Kerkhoven.

Mr. Arthur D. Forbes, who has been stationed at Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Md., has been discharged from the service and is the guest of his brother, D. M. Forbes and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Sloan, who have been visiting their children during the summer, have returned from Portland and will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Ralph Sawyer, and family.

If your paper has a blue cross this week it will be the last paper that you will receive until your subscription is paid in advance as under the Ruling of the War Industries Board our time limit has expired.

It has been decided that the Bethel Inn will remain open this winter for the accommodation of guests. This is good news for Bethel people as we have a great deal of pride in being able to say that we have one of the best hotels in Maine.

Among those from the village who dined at Bethel Inn, Christmas were: Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gehring, Miss Mary Tracy, Mr. Wm. Hingham and Miss Maria B. Froese, Judge and Mrs. A. E. Herrick and daughter Miriam, Mrs. Gilbert Tuohi, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards and daughter Dorothy, Mr. Wm. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Thurston, Mrs. Ella Mansfield and daughter Marian, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Park and daughter Muriel, and Mrs. B. F. Stearns.

That you may know our appreciation of your patronage during the past year, we extend to you Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

CEYLON ROWE & SON

RICHARDSON HOLLOW GREENWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richardson attended State Grange in Portland the past week and visited their nephew, Edward Needham, and family.

Mrs. W. E. Penley was in Norway, shopping, Friday.

The Richardson Hollow school, with their teacher, Grace Dearlen, celebrated Christmas with a tree and entertainment. The following program was given after which the little ones were made happy by the gifts:

The Star Spangled Banner, School Recitation, "The Baby's Stocking," Janet Noyes

Recitation, "Santa's Sleigh," Irving Penley

Recitation, "Dolly's Christmas Present," Eleanor Noyes

Recitation, "Santa and the Mouse," Linwood Rogers

Recitation, "Christmas Song," Anne Kyllonen

Recitation, "Santa's Choice," Albert Penley

Recitation, "Christmas," Lillian Noyes

Recitation, "Bobby's Point of View," Wallace Noyes

Recitation, "My Dolly's Stocking," Anna Vittala

Recitation, "Christmas Greetings," Urho Kyllonen

Acrostic, "Christmas," W. E. Penley

W. E. Penley sold a cow to Charles Richardson of Norway last Friday.

Mr. Charles Lord and little son visited school one day last week.

Mrs. A. A. Noyes was in Norway, shopping, Friday.

Henry White began work for Walter Penley last Monday.

Walter and Alma Noyes are enjoying a week's vacation from high school at Norway.

E. W. Peuley of West Paris was a guest of his son, W. E. Penley, last Tuesday.

W. E. Penley and family spent Christmas at West Paris at a family gathering.

Mr. Kyllonen and family have moved into Tom Heikkinen's rent. Mr. Kyllonen will work for Mr. Heikkinen.

Antti Heikkinen is a guest of his sister, Mrs. Peter Kuvaja.

AMERICA'S CIVILIAN ARMY

Before the war began the United States Government employed approximately 500,000 persons in the civilian branch. After Uncle Sam sent his lot of workers behind the fighting forces grew by tens of thousands until it numbered almost a million men and women. The force of civilian employees of the Government in the District

of Columbia increased from about 35,000 to approximately 95,000. The forces in navy yards increased from about 20,000 to more than 100,000, and in Government ordnance plants from 10,000 to about 50,000.

During the nineteen months of American participation in the conflict the United States Civil Service Commission, whose duty it was to recruit the civil service to meet war needs, examined almost a million persons, more than 400,000 of whom were appointed.

The Commission found it necessary to advertise extensively to mobilize the workers. Three thousand local boards of civil service examiners and 8,000 postmasters at third-class post offices in the smaller towns constantly kept the announcements of the Commission before their respective communities. More than 5,000,000 posters and other printed announcements were distributed and displayed; lantern slides were thrown upon the screens in 16,000 motion-picture theaters; cards were displayed in 28,000 trolley cars; notices were printed in 6,000 newspapers and more than 200 periodicals; posters were displayed upon the bulletin boards of 3,000 libraries, 1,200 chambers of commerce and boards of trade, and in many other prominent places in every city in the country. Appeals for recruits were also printed on the backs of gas and electric light bills, on letterheads of business houses, in theater programs and on weather bureau bulletins. Thirty motion-picture producing companies either posed special pictures or attached trailers to films. Educational institutions and numerous organizations assisted in the work. The only cost to the Government for millions of dollars' worth of advertising was for the printing of posters and circulars and for the making of lantern slides.

From now on the civilian personnel will be gradually reduced.

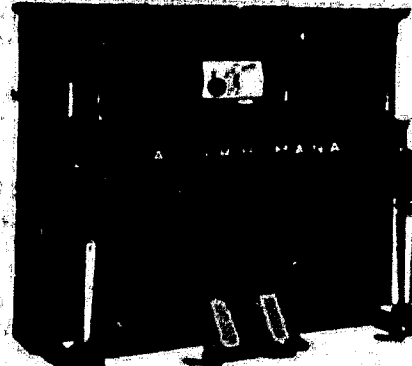
THE OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN IS ONLY \$1.50 PER YEAR WHEN PAID IN ADVANCE. SUBSCRIBE NOW.

NOTICE

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Adella V. Fraser late of Upton in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted therefor are requested to make payment immediately.

JOHN M. FRASER, November 19, 1918. Upton, Me. 12-19-18.

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When you are convinced that a certain investment will pay you certain, large dividends, and the opportunity is presented for you to make that investment Now—Why wait?

The Playerpiano will certainly prove a good investment for you and for your family; it will certainly pay you large dividends of pleasure, of satisfaction, of enjoyment and of good cheer all the rest of your life. Why wait?

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Come in and see the instrument. Test it any way you choose. Have your musical friends try it for tone, for touch, for shading, and then see how all the world of music unfolds before you as the Playerpiano as a player opens avenues of expression, of technique, that you have longed for but never hoped to enjoy. Don't wait—Come in Now.

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RUMFORD

The amount paid out by the Falls Trust Company this Christmas Club checks, showed decrease over what was paid year, owing it is believed, to bond clubs which this bank is ing. The sum this year was \$21,349.70.00; and in 1915, the which this unique method was it was \$12,737.00.

Nathan P. Israelson, the H. tailor, has received the following communication on a post card, from a soldier in France.

"La Bazoge, France, N. "Dear Nate:—

"You might as well take my for a suit, for I shall soon be enjoying the best of health boys all send their best regards

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Louis Cohen is enlarging his living on Canal street, and has contracted for the installation of a new heating plant.

Mail carrier Davis is wearing a star on each sleeve of his coat, showing that he has served continuously fifteen years as mail carrier. Mr. Davis is one of the veterans mail carriers in the State.

Herbert Grant has returned from University of Maine, where he won military training.

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A THOROUGH TEST

One To Convince The Most Skeptical Bethel Reader

The test of time is the test that counts.

Doan's Kidney Pills have made their reputation by effective action. The following case is typical. Bethel residents should be convinced. The testimony is confirmed—the proof complete.

Testimony like this cannot be ignored. Frank Heath, stationary engineer, R. F. D. 2, Bethel, says: "For several years I suffered from kidney trouble. I had sharp, shooting pains through the small of my back and dizzy spells. I felt tired all the time and on getting up in the morning was stiff and sore. On the advice of a friend, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and after taking two boxes, the pains through the small of my back disappeared and the dizzy spells let up." (Statement given May 2, 1912.)

On June 8, 1916, Mr. Heath said: "I have had no need of a kidney medicine since using Doan's Kidney Pills. I have a great deal of confidence in Doan's. I get at all dealers. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y."

ing in an assistant to Miss Susan Jewett, the librarian.

Mrs. Phila Hutchins and daughter, Ruth, of Waterville are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Greene of Franklin street.

The death of Dr. Fred F. Bartlett of this town occurred on Thursday afternoon of last week at his home on Lincoln avenue, after several months of failing health. Dr. Bartlett was 66 years of age, and was born in Rumford, and has always lived here. He was one of the pioneer traders of the town, having conducted a jewelry and optical business on Congress street, ever since the village started. He leaves a widow, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Wyman and Miss Lucille Bartlett, and one son, Fred Bartlett, Jr., who lives at West Penn. The funeral was at one o'clock on Sunday with interment at Rumford Centre. Funeral services were held under the auspices of Strathglass Commandery, No. 21, Knights Templar of which he was a member. Six Knights to the number of twenty-five assembled at the Asylum and under the direction of Eminent Commander Dana C. York proceeded to the home of the deceased Sir Knight, where prayers were said; then under a Templar escort, consisting of Em. Sir Gerald A. Penbody, Fred E. Goding, Cleon S. Osgood and Fred J. Latham and Sir Knights Stephen Pennell and Chas. O. Burditt, proceeded to Rumford Centre church, where the Templar burial service was rendered. The Rev. Mr. Love of Rumford Methodist Episcopal church and Rev. Mr. Laite of Rumford Centre assisting. U. S. Marshall Harmon of Portland was in town the latter part of the week, and as a result of his investigation he left town with nine booze dispensers, and the chances are that they are spending Christmas in Portland.

The town schools closed on Friday of last week with appropriate Christmas exercises in the lower grades, for a week's vacation, instead of two weeks, as is the usual custom, as the long period of vacation in the fall due to influenza assumed a briefer vacation for this period of the year.

WEST PARIS

Mr. Riddle has moved his family from Woodstock to the Ernest Abbott place.

Ralph Andrews has moved in with Victor Eastman has traded the Dr. H. C. Staples' crew are piling up the birch at the rate of about 20 cords per day.

Shore is needed very much.

MASON

Solomon Westleigh and Herman Merrill are at work for Ernest Morrill, cutting wood.

W. C. Cushing went to Berlin on business Monday.

Mrs. B. C. Mills is visiting relatives on Grover Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mills are at work for E. C. Mills.

J. A. McKenzie is yarding timber.

Mrs. A. M. Carey and son, Ellen, from West Sumner were recent visitors at R. O. Grover's.

R. O. Grover's dog killed a large muskrat under the shed, Monday.

ANDOVER

Mrs. Ruby Lowe and little daughter have gone to Kingfield, where Mrs. Lowe has work.

Roger Thurston wife, and daughter were Sunday guests of F. P. Elft and family at North Newry.

Gladys Howard left town Monday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Guy Akers, and family at Weston, Mass.

Montgomery Poor is at home from the U. of M., for the holidays.

A Sunday school concert and Christmas tree was held in the Congregational church, Tuesday evening.

Lone Mountain Grange had a tree for its patrons and their families, Wednesday afternoon.

All the schools in town closed last Friday and several of them had Christmas exercises and a tree.

L. R. Hall was a delegate to the State Grange at Portland last week.

George Learned is saving birch for Daniel Campbell and boarding at Lawrence Parson's.

Matilda Hall has gone to Louisiana for the winter.

Sadie Bailey has been visiting friends at North Rumford.

Florence and Edna Akers are at their homes for a week's vacation.

James Littlehale is hauling birch to the pool mill.

Irving Akers is hauling wood to parties in the village.

Charles Roberts has gone to Rumford. There were moving pictures in the town hall, Saturday evening.

The annual meeting of the King's Daughters' will be held Thursday, Jan. 2, at the home of Mrs. Wirt Lovejoy.

The third and fourth degrees were conferred on two candidates at Lone Mt. Grange, Saturday.

There were several family Christmas trees in town.

Mr. and Mrs. John Caldwell are visiting their son, Guy Caldwell, at Biddeford.

Mrs. Ernest Milton has been visiting friends in Boston, recently.

The election of officers of Ellis Glen Temple, Pythian Sisters, was held Dec. 9, and the following officers were elected:—

P. C.—Mrs. Hortense Newton.
M. E. C.—Mrs. Lou Milton.
E. S.—Rena Bodwell.
T. J.—Mrs. Daisy Morton.
M.—Mrs. Carrie Morton.
F.—Mrs. Mary Noble.
G.—Mrs. Nina Clark.
M. of P.—Mrs. Marjory Thomas.
M. of R. & C.—Mrs. K. Kethine McAllister.

Planist—Mattie Cutting.
Representative—Mrs. Margaret Hall.
Alternate—Mrs. Katherine McAllister.

L. R. Hall is spending the winter with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Margaret Hall, and family.

Lone Mt. Grange held its regular meeting, Saturday, with a good attendance. The lecturer gave the following program:

Song, Grange.
Reading, E. M. Bailey.
Questions: "What public questions demand the attention of the Patrons at this time?" J. L. Bailey.
Penny Collection.
Reading, Frinds Gordon.
Report of State Grange, L. R. Hall.
Song, Grange.

The heavy rain of Sunday night carried away the snow and automobiles are again on the road.

NORTH HARTFORD

Percy Davenport and family spent the day, Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Anson Cash. Mr. Cash and wife have lately moved onto the late Julia Thorne place.

Apples are nearly all sold in this vicinity and packed at \$3.00 per barrel. They now await the arrival of a car to be loaded.

Carroll Cole was a guest at the home of P. B. Sargent, Sunday.

Bert Brown had a steer that ran wild in one of the back pastures and with the aid of Anson Cash's dog, Rex, he was driven out of the pasture and the distance of three miles into his own home pasture, where he was then captured.

Wilma Davenport is passing the holidays with friends in Boston.

Caleb Mendall was through the place Saturday securing new members for the Red Cross for 1919. He met with very good success.

Anson Cash is cutting rock maple logs for P. A. Davenport.

Deer have been quite plentiful in this locality. Wesley Poland and Chas. Russell have each secured one.

W. R. Sargent was at West Sumner on business, recently.

School closed at Tyler Corner, Friday, as program being carried out.

WEST PARIS

Clara Bacon, a teacher at Farmington Normal, and Grace Brock and Mildred Davis, students at the school, are spending the vacation at their homes here.

Miss Annie Schenk, a graduate nurse from Providence, R. I., who is spending some time at West Paris with her parents, has been a guest of Mrs. Sara Curtis.

The remains of Erva, only daughter of William and Bertha (Colburn) Pratt of Portland, were brought here Thursday and the funeral held at the Methodist church, Rev. C. H. Young officiating. She was nineteen years of age. Her death was due to pneumonia. She was the granddaughter of William Pratt of Pioneer street and great-granddaughter of the late Harvey Pratt.

Mrs. Abner Mann was called to Portland, Thursday, by the death of her father, Roscoe Winslow.

Harvey Pratt passed away Thursday night at the home of his niece, Mrs. Frank Verill. Mr. Pratt was a veteran of the Civil War and was 85 years of age. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon from the home of his son, William Pratt, of Pioneer street.

Elia Curtis is in poor health.

Roscoe Tuell died Saturday evening at 10 o'clock after an illness of less than three weeks from a general physical breakdown. Although in poor condition of health for two previous weeks, his condition was considered serious only during the past week. Mr. Tuell was the son of the late Gilman and Maria (Houghton) Tuell, and was born in Paris, March 15, 1841. He was united in marriage with Miss Esther A. Walker of Paris in May 1862. Two daughters were born to them, Minnie, who died in childhood, and Lullie E., wife of Irvin L. Bowker of Portland. Besides the widow and daughter he is survived by two brothers, Adney R. and Horatio R., both of West Paris.

Mr. Tuell has been a resident of Paris nearly all of his long and useful life. For more than forty years he lived on a farm on the Trap Corn road now occupied by Henry Brock, and for the past eight years has resided on Main street in the residence purchased of the late Levi Sheed.

Mr. Tuell was well known and highly respected, a man of exemplary habits and cheerful, optimistic disposition, which won for him many friends. In early life he and Mrs. Tuell united with the Baptist church at North Paris, and although working with the church of that denomination here, they have always retained their membership with the North Paris church. He joined West Paris Lodge, I. O. O. F. in 1876, and was a member of West Paris Grange and a Republican in politics. For more than thirty years he drove the West Paris hearse, answering calls in many sections of the county, always giving satisfaction by his prompt attention and neatly kept outfit.

The funeral was held from his late residence Tuesday at 11 o'clock, Rev. H. H. Hathaway officiating.

YOUTHFUL FARMERS RECEIVE VALUABLE PRIZES

At a recent meeting held in Portland when Mr. A. E. Hodges, President of the Maine Livestock Breeders' Association, announced the names of the winners of prizes of pure bred livestock, a new page of agricultural history in Maine was started. Boys' and Girls' Club Work has always been many sided, but this is a new departure and one which is, and rightly should be, happily greeted.

This move was started last Spring when boys started competition in the growing of one-fourth acre of flint corn. The objects of the work are two: first to increase the growing of yellow corn in the State and second to promote the use of pure bred animals on farms. It is of course fundamentally educational and even this first year shows some of the results hoped for.

The State was divided into four zones, North, South, East Central and West Central divisions. The winners of the pure bred dairy calves are as follows:

In Southern Zone, Ralph Lombard of Saco.

In West Central Zone, Earl Abbott of Livermore.

In East Central Zone, Jerome Quimby of Brooks.

In Northern Zone, Kenneth Henderson of No. New Portland.

The winners of the eight pure bred pigs are:

In Southern Zone, Sherman Lord of W. Lebanon.

In West Central Zone, Chester Farnham of Alfred.

In East Central Zone, Edwin Wilson of Winslow.

In Northern Zone, W. Webber Patten of Hermon.

In Southern Zone, Noble Albee of Norridgewock.

These prizes were offered by the Maine Livestock Breeders' Association has again offered the prizes for 1919.

It is expected that there will be a much heavier enrollment for this project another year.

RED CROSS DRIVE

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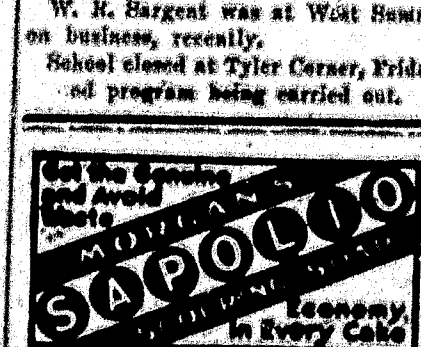
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POEMS WORTH READING

IN FLANDERS FIELDS

The Response
By Donald D. Garcelon, Auburn, Me.
In Flanders fields... Alas! we sigh—
Brave hearts to still beneath God's sky;
Great hearts that gave and counted not
Their youth, but gloriously fought
And then that freedom shall not die.

Not on deaf ears has fallen your cry:
Would you could witness our reply!
The shining torch you drop we've caught
In Flanders fields.

Oward our mighty hosts sweep by
Over the ground you sanctify—
To victory, with your spirit fraught!
I never shall you be forgot
Who now at rest serenely lie
In Flanders fields.

THE ROAD TO HOME

Joseph K. Colton, Headquarters Special
ist's School, M. G. T. C., Camp Han-
cock, Ga.
He doesn't dream of battle dis-
tance for the day
When he is in formation, plugging up
the dusty way,
With the sweet a-s-s of him and a
tugger at his heart,
But with fierce determination he would
sweep what he'd start.
No he never dreams of fighting, nor of
killing, nor of the dead—
He travels up the little road that leads
to home, instead.

Give him all you've got of train-
ing, drive him through the toughest
drills,
Keep him busy at his lessons, work
him 'till it nearly kills,
Teach him how a soldier ought to—
he'll be tired out and sore—
But you'd find him in the morning
fresh and eager-eyed for more.
Say, he'll be a real for uncle-over
there, on German loam—
But at night, just let him wander where
the brown road leads to home.

Who can say the folks he'll meet there,
why draw him then his joy?
Maybe there's a lovely mother, arms
outstretched to greet her boy,
Maybe there's a bright-eyed partner—
and a cunning baby's voice—
Maybe there's a sweetheart waiting on
this path where hearts rejoice,
Don't begrudge him these few moments,
let him in his vision roam
While the southern night surrounds him
—up the little road to home.

A. B. T.

HUMMER 1918
(An Acrostic)
Clawed battle-axe, in Philadelphia
Public Ledger
"Awake!" a stricken world cried out;
"Men everywhere must rise to rout
Embattled brutes who, the' once men,
Reverenced all heart and are again
Indecent monsters, who can plan,
Combining beast and brain of man,
Awake, each son of Lincoln, fight!
None better knows the soul's great
night."

Each loyal State the commoner heard;
X-ray, indeed, is Duty's word,
Piercing so deep the heart of youth,
Revealing all who love the truth;
Determined, transformed in a day,
In city street and village way,
The boys who seemed but soft and vain,
In white and blue and khaki plain,
O'erwhelmed with pride over anxious
heart;

New lights which chose the better part,
And turned they the DEAREST world
aside,
Reckoning all to avenge night
Tender in France and Belgium's night.

Forth then they swept across the deep—
Oh, how the Allied heart did leap!
Revered in courage everywhere,
Change after change against the fair;
Known historic Old Glory's cheer!

BURNING IN BELGIUM

(From Longfellow's "The Hymn of
Brotherhood")
In the market place of Bruges stands
the bell tower old and brown,
Thence came and thence retreated,
still it watches o'er the town.

As the summer moon was breaking,
as that lofty tower I stood,
And the world threw off its darkness,
like the weeds of wilderness.

Not a sound came from the city at that
midnight hour,
But I heard a heart of iron beating in
the ancient tower.

I bought the Flemish sword, with Na-
mer and Jagers bold,
Marching homeward from the bloody
battle of the Spurs of Ghent.

Now the light of Minnewater, saw the
White Horse moving west,
Saw the great Antwerp veterans
make the Golden Dragon's Nest.

And again the unbroken Spanish
the hand with better sword,
And again the wild shaven monks
from the Ignace's throat.

SAVE MEAT

By using meat...
ASK GROCERS FOR



Till the bell of Ghent responded o'er
lagoon and dike of sand:
"I am Roland! I am Roland; there is
Victory in the land!"

Then the sound of drums aroused me,
the awakened city's roar
Chased the phantoms I had summoned
back into their graves once more.

LAUS DEO

By John Greenleaf Whittier
It is done!
Clang of bell and roar of gun
Send the tidings up and down.
How the belfries rock and reel!
How the great guns, peal on peal,
Fling the joy from town to town!

Ring, O bell!
Every stroke exulting tells
Of the burial hour of crime,
Lead and long, that all may hear,
Ring for every listening ear
Of Eternity and Time!

Let us kneel;
God's own voice in that peal,
And this spot is holy ground,
Lord, forgive us! What are we,
That our eyes this glory see,
That our ears have heard the sound!

For the Lord
On the whirlwind is abroad;
In the earthquake he has spoken;
He has smitten with his thunder
The iron walls of sin,
And the gates of brass are broken!

Lead us on,
Lift the old exulting song;
Sing with Miriam by the sea
His has cast the mighty down;
Hallelujah! hallelujah!
"He hath triumphed gloriously!"

Did we dare,
In our agony of prayer,
Ask for more than He has done
When was ever his right hand
Over any time or land
Stretching as now beneath the sun?

How they pale,
Ancient myth and song and tale,
In this wonder of our days,
When the angel rod of war
Blossoms white with righteous law,
And the wrath of man is praised!

Hallelujah!
All within and all about
Shall a fresher life begin;
Freer breathe the universe
As it tells its heavy curse
On the dead and buried clod!

It is done!
In the circuit of the sun
Shall the sound thereof go forth.
It shall give the dumb a voice,
It shall belt with joy the earth!

Ring and swing,
Bells of joy! On morning's wing
Send the song of praise abroad!
With a sound of broken chains
Tell the nations that He reigns,
Who alone is Lord and God!

THE MOTHERS OF FRANCE

By J. W. McFee in N. Y. Herald
Over the sea the autumn waves,
The leaves are falling in Flanders
fields;

And sweeping across Picardy's plains
They strew the ground that the Fe-
man yields.

Between the mounds with their crosses
bare
That mark the graves of the men who
fell

The dead leaves say to the loved ones
there:
"The mothers of France shall guard
these well."

Over the sea a winter's snow
Shall soon be falling in bleak Lor-
raine;

A shroud to cover the earth below
And hide the stars of the blackened
plain;

And was marked upon a Christmas
morn
Shall long and cold on the frosty
air.

While over the snow and graves the
loam
The mothers of France shall breathe
a prayer.

Over the sea when springtime comes
And winter's snow with the infant
year,

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington

By J. E. Jones

CAN HE GET AWAY WITH IT?

When the "war emergency measure" was passed authorizing the President to take over the wire lines of the country, every mother's son in the Senate who advocated the passage of the bill declared it as a belief that the President would not exercise the power conferred upon him. It was argued that the legislation was needed to deal with labor problems relating to the threat-ened strike of the telegraphers. Postmaster General Burleson insisted that the interests of the country demanded the passage of the wire control; and it did not take long for him to bring the telegraph and telephone lines under his control. The war went on, and the armistice was signed, and no one thought it all had ever discovered any-thing with reference to the operation of wire lines that constituted a "war emergency." The President finally went before Congress, and announced that the "war is over." It was a little late in the day but Mr. Burleson seized the cable lines just the same. The Commercial Cable Company protests, and insists having its properties attached from it by the unceremonious processes that have been employed. The Com-pany has engaged Charles Evans Hughes as associate counsel to William W. Cook, and the Postmaster General is in for a merry scrap in the courts.

"Government ownership of the tele-grams and telephones should no longer be delayed," Mr. Burleson says in his annual report, which is fresh from the Government printer. He adds: "Ac-tion of Congress in this matter is ur-gently recommended."

There can be no objection to Mr. Burleson expressing these views in his re-port, for as a matter of fact he has con-stantly reiterated this same opinion in previous years. But that the processes pursued toward wire properties under the Postoffice Department, were not con-templated when the legislation was be-fore the Senate, is borne out by the fact that no less an authority than Sena-tor Lewis declared it to be understood that the President did not desire to ex-ercise the authority sought in the reso-lution. At the same time one of the leading officials of the wire company of the United States in speaking of events at Washington declared that "the ques-tion of Government ownership was not discussed." Mr. Burleson himself urged "the passage of the resolution, in order that the President may act, if necessary to safeguard the interests of the country during the prosecution of the war."

When this was all going on last July, the intention was resented that radi-cal members of the Democratic party with Mr. Burleson as their leader, were eager to have the lines brought under Government control and operation dur-ing the war as a forerunner to a fixed price policy.

The Commercial Cable Company takes the position that the manner in which they were "annexed" is plainly illegal, and they do not propose to submit to the expropriation methods employed by Mr. Burleson. It is pointed out in their complaint that the action of the Post-master General disturbs treaties with foreign nations, inasmuch as the Com-pany's properties stretch alike to Eu-ropean and Asiatic nations. It looks as though Mr. Burleson in his effort to use the transatlantic cables as his buttress for the Government ownership wire-garment, is doing a poor piece of fol-lowing. The company declared that in its opinion the Postmaster General has bitten off a bigger chunk than he is going to be able to get away with.

RECONSTRUCTION OF ATLANTIC CITY

The assembled enterprises of the country which have been called "war industries," agreed that their leaders must meet at Atlantic City for the purpose of holding a post-mortem upon Government war orders and contracts, and for the more valuable object of determining "what is to be done about it." "The Breakers," the finest hotel on Atlantic City's board-walk, and other real-estate institutions, took care of the men who have worked hard and effec-tively in winning the war, and in the balmy, soft air which is found at At-lantic City in winter time over worked humanity evolved valuable plans for in-dustrial reconstruction. When Atlan-tic City captures one of the biggest gatherings of the country the proof is no longer lacking that the place is an all-year round resort.

The "War Industries" scored great achievements for Uncle Sam, and their From ash and graves where the known
are known
And the snowdrop sheds a dewy tear
The dark shall rise with his heavenly
And song in the souls of the dead
above
When graves, though hidden the win-
ter long
The mothers of France keep green
with love.

rate of speed was hitherto unknown in the history of the country. But the "expected" finally happened—only it came a little sooner than was antici-pated. As a result the diversified interests of the country elevated to have a "talk-fer," and in order to get a place that would hold all this vast throng of busy business men, and give them a needed respite from their labors, Atlantic City was picked out as the meeting place for what proves to be one of the most valu-able conventions of the kind that has been held in many a long day.

As American industry rolled up its sleeves and went to war so will Ameri-can industry tackle in an equally effec-tive manner the new problems of re-construction and peace. It is very fit-ting that "industrial reconstructions" should have been instituted at The Breakers and its colleagues in fine hotel-dom at Atlantic City.

TURNING LOOSE PUBLIC ENERGY

President Wilson has addressed a communication to the Secretary of Agri-culture urging that the country re-sume as quickly as possible all essential public works, and particularly the de-velopment of good highways, "with a view of furnishing employment for lab-orers who may be seeking new tasks during the period of readjustment." Secretary of War Baker has also taken up the question with the Agricultural Department, and he has asked that the closest possible co-operation may be continued with his department in the build-ing of new roads, in order that the high-ways of the future may be equally valu-able for military purposes and the af-fairs of peace. The War Department has learned practical lessons in road building, and its men who are dis-charged from the Army, and war in-dustries, will carry with them a knowl-edge that will be valuable in their em-ployment in road building. They know from practical experience that the blat-ant of hard earth is a good deal quick-er and a more effective process than the former plan of resorting entirely to the pick and shovel and scraper. Motor truck traffic has increased one hundred per cent in the last two years, and it is found that the heaviest of our hard-surfaced roads are built too light to withstand the strain upon them by the new traffic. The federal air road act provides means by which the Gov-ernment supplies millions of dollars to the state authorities, which the latter match with their own millions in the building of new highways. There is a well defined movement in Washington that will make itself known in the coming few weeks as favoring a new sys-tem of trunk highways that will ex-tend from ocean to ocean and front the Canadian boundary to the southern bor-der of states. Good road authorities are becoming insistent that better road construction shall be made more sys-tematic in the future than it has been in the past. In view of this fact that practically all of our main travel Amer-ican highways have broken down dur-ing heavy traffic conditions, it is prob-able that the attempt to build new roads on a firm foundation will meet with popular public approval. One road official draws a comparison that high-ways in the past have been built upon the same plan as houses that rested on blocks. He says that it is necessary that roads have good foundations as it is to put important building on stone foundations.

accepted this condition, and at the Atlan-tic City gathering their problems were analyzed, and remedial methods were provided as far as possible. The Gov-ernment which was so all-wise in go-ing to war offers no solution about how to get back to peace. The country is asked to accept as an excuse for hold-ing the boys in idleness in the camps the explanation that it is done to re-lieve what Mr. McAdoo describes in an- other instance as "uncertainty and fer-ment."

DON'T ASK WASHINGTON, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW!

A lot of good it will do to ask Wash-ington what is to be done about things! If the President had only suggested something in his address to Congress it would have started opposition, at least. But as matters stand Washington is on the border edge between coma and cyni-cism. Its contrary-minded groups are prepared to oppose the ratification of the peace treaty, no matter what it may stand for. Reconstruction, is princ-ally a myth. The Capital talks about the British plan headed by a Ministry of Reconstruction, and supported by a large number of commissions. The Capital also talks about committees of the Senate and House. It talks of us-ing existing Government agencies and Department's to some extent. But though matters are extremely press-ing, Washington hasn't shown enough initiative since the signing of the armistice to entitle it to a paragraph on the pages of the history of Democracy. Now these statements are not policies—they are truths, and this ought to be the day of truth telling. It is not a question of what the Democrats have done, or what the Republicans have done.

WIRES, RAILS AND WOBBLY STATEMENTS

Apparently the whole industrial es-tablishment must shift for itself. Lab-or and capital will have plenty of op-portunity to solve their own troubles before the responsible heads of the Na-tion decide that there are any other questions affecting the human family, other than telegraphs, telephones, and railroads. The President, before he left, passed this particular buck to Con-gress. Mr. McAdoo has taken up the railroad problem, and he declares that he believes "that a five-year test" will give the American people the right an-swer regarding Government control or ownership. Mr. Burleson argues for Government ownership of the wire lines, and tells how many Postmaster Generals advocated the same thing up to 1892, but he shows how little in-fair he is by omitting in his suppos-edly historical statement the name of his immediate predecessor, Frank H. Hitch-cock, who was bitten by the Socialist bug, and left it in his office to get hold of Burleson when the latter stepped in. There was a sort of feud between these two men. Hitchcock declared that he had achieved a surplus in the operation of the Postoffice Department for a cal-endar year. Burleson denied it, and he is now claiming similar surplus years. Nevertheless there is good reason to be-lieve that the Department if subjected to systems of accounting such as are im-posed by the Interstate Commerce Com-mission, would show a steady loss.

The Railroad Administration and the Postmaster General are certainly very wobbly with reference to their new re-sponsibilities brought on by the war. Their whole plan for continued control of the great properties directed by them, is justified by the claim that they should be experimented upon, dissected, and improved in the public interests.

CANCELLLED ORDERS

The extent to which the Government is cancelling orders for war materials may not be surprising, but it is bring-ing a lot of heartaches to manufactur-ers throughout the country. The United States Chamber of Commerce has entered a formal protest against the manner in which the axe has fallen upon the necks of manufacturers, and the Chamber declared that in its opinion "war contracts should not be cancelled until provision is made for the absorp-tion of the raw materials."

WANTED—A POLICY

Congress spends considerable time de-bating as to whether the war is over, but that is about as far as the law-making body appears to get. The ship of state is foundering in choppy seas, and with the pilot in Europe there ap-pears to be no way of steadying the wobbly craft.

It is doubtful if there has ever been a time when there have been as many inconsistencies in Government as now. The food and fuel administrations, which were deemed so essential, are crumbling. The War Labor Board is practically on the shelf, notwithstanding the fact that contracts for war work have been cancelled, throwing tens of thousands of workers out of employ-ment and threatening the credit of many concerns that have dropped every-thing to serve their country. Govern-ment control of prices has almost pas-sed. The total cost of the war for Am-erica, up to November, was \$32,500,000,000, and the capacity of Congress seems to be taxed to its utmost in find-ing a way for the future. The steel men and the War Industries Board have been in conference, and the result is that competitive tenders within this great industry are to be restored after January 1.

Summing up the industrial situation one finds that the whole industrial ma-chinery of the country is being set af-askew. The war industries have ac-

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cepted this condition, and at the Atlan-tic City gathering their problems were analyzed, and remedial methods were provided as far as possible. The Gov-ernment which was so all-wise in go-ing to war offers no solution about how to get back to peace. The country is asked to accept as an excuse for hold-ing the boys in idleness in the camps the explanation that it is done to re-lieve what Mr. McAdoo describes in an- other instance as "uncertainty and fer-ment."

HOW CAN YOU RECONSTRUCT DESTRUCTION?

With the shutters pulled down in the American shooting gallery the period of taking inventories is upon us, and the balance sheet displayed at the Re-construction Congress convened at At-lantic City tells some startling tales. While many industries have profited immensely from the war, there is also a trail of destruction, and the industri-al casualty list reveals the fact that a large part of the public utilities of the United States went into the war with-out bullets for their guns. While Mr. McAdoo was saving the railroad situa-tion by shooting up the charges for service thirty or forty per cent, the street railroads, lighting and power plants were struggling along under conditions that have been carrying them toward the same fate that overtook the classic one-hoss-shay. The sixty-three per cent of the electric railway lines of the United States has suffered a falling off in net income of eighty-two per cent for the first six months of 1918 as compared with the correspond-ing period of 1917. Material and labor costs have brought the utilities almost to the verge of destruction, and these important features of civic and indus-trial life have turned to the commu-nity for relief. While the world talks "reconstruction," the local ap-plication of the principle seems dif-ficult to apply, and the politicians pop-up promiscuously in every locality to tell the utility men that, "well, you made a bargain, now stick to it." Re-construction to their minds is intent-ed for Europe, Asia and Africa, or any other old place except home. The American Electric Railway Association has set on foot a movement to make an analysis of the reconstruction problems relating to local franchisees, with a view of bringing about a radical revision of the existing arrangements. The steps to be taken to bring about a radical revision of the existing arrangements for a re-assert to public utilities calls for a re-modelling of the existing arrangements between the operators and the owners of the properties and the communities they serve, if destruction of this great national activity is to be avoided.

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PLEDGE SUPPORT
WORLD RELIEF

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Seen Fed.

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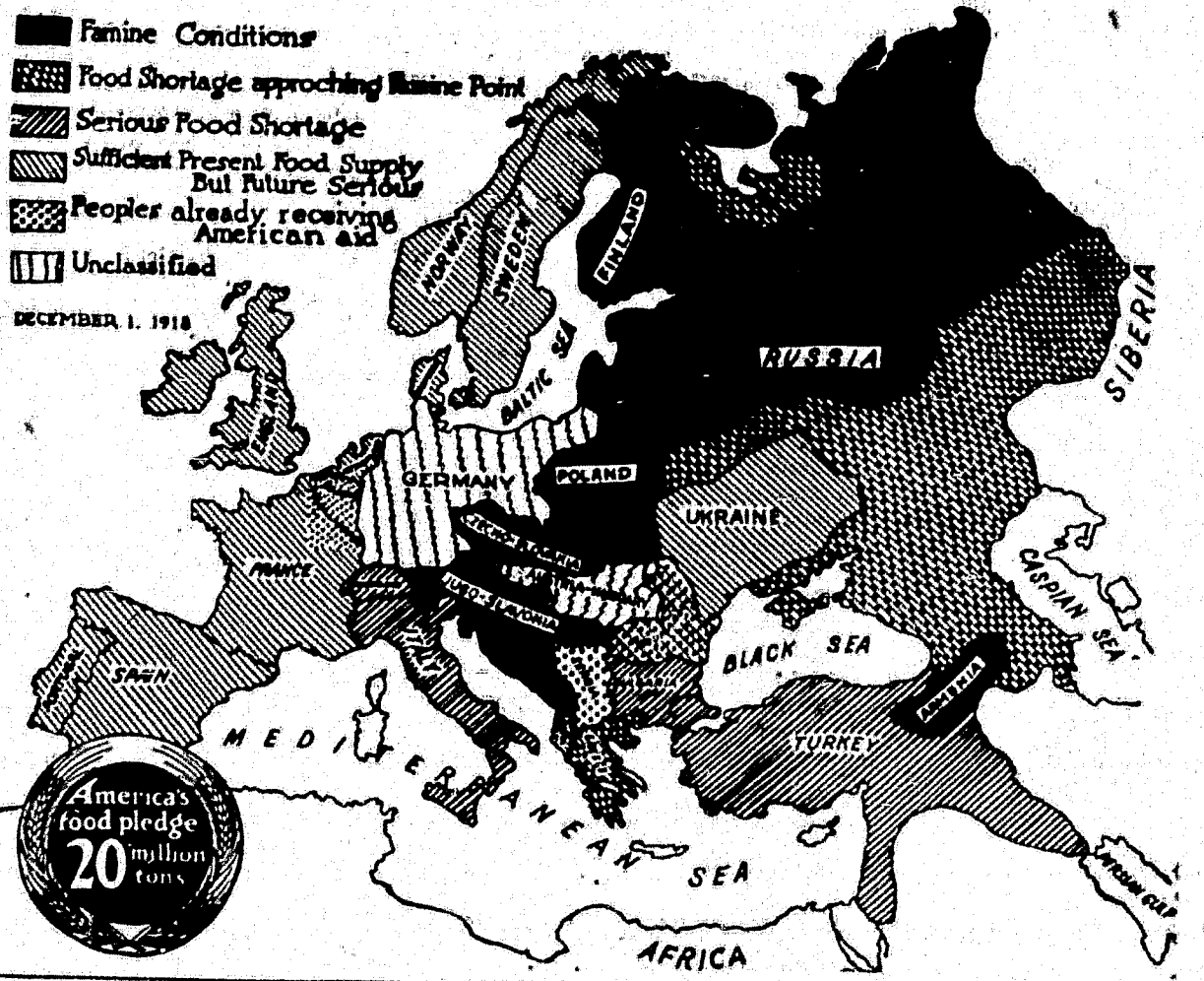
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"Until Mr. Merrill's return, the Food Administration will continue to make ample provision for any possible contingencies. A great deal will depend upon the supplies which are made available in the various countries of Europe and in the arrangements which are made with the Food Council.

"The people of America are urged to continue to use sugar. This is the best way to insure a plentiful supply of sugar, from which the necessary and sufficient restrictions have now been removed."

HUNGER DRAWS THE MAP



A food map of Europe today shows not a single country in which the future does not hold threat of serious difficulties and only a small part which is not rapidly approaching the famine point. With the exception of the Ukraine only those countries which have maintained marine commerce have sufficient food supplies to meet actual needs until next harvest, and even in the Ukraine, with stores accumulated on the farms, there is famine in the large centers of population. Belgium and northern France, as well as Serbia, appear on the hunger map distinct from the rest of Europe because they stand in a different relation from the other nations to the people of the United States. America has for four years maintained the small war rations of Belgium and northern France and is already making special efforts to care for their increased after-the-war needs, which, with those of Serbia, must be included in this plan, are urgent in the extreme and must have immediate relief.

The gratitude of the Belgian nation for the help America has extended to her during her war constitutes the strongest appeal for us to continue our work there. The moment the German armies withdrew from her soil and she was established once more in her own seat of government the little nation's first thought was to express her gratitude to the Commission for Relief in Belgium for preserving the lives of millions of her citizens.

Germany, on the other hand, need not figure in such a map for Americans because there is no present indication that we shall be called on at all to take thought for the food needs of Germany. Germany probably can care for her own food problem if she is given access to shipping and is enabled to distribute food to the cities with dense populations, which are the trouble centers.

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ECONOMY IMPERATIVE FOR HARD COAL USERS SINCE INFLUENZA CUT DOWN ANTHRACITE SUPPLY

United States Fuel Administration Urges All Possible Conservation of Coal on Hand and General Use of Buckwheat Size and Wood.

The United States Fuel Administration calls upon all users of anthracite coal for the utmost conservation of coal this winter.

Where a hundred per cent. supply had been anticipated for every user of hard coal as a domestic fuel, a grave slump in production because of the effects of the influenza epidemic has made it apparent that the most extreme economy, coupled with the use of all available substitutes, will be necessary to prevent discomfort to a large number of householders.

Householders in the Middle West, hitherto accustomed to the use of anthracite coal, were placed on reduced allotments of hard coal this winter in order that the northeastern section of the country might have its customary full supply.

With distribution facilitated through the working of the zone system, the amount of hard coal available appeared to be more than ample for requirements. The anthracite miners have maintained a steady level of production during summer and fall months which seemed to provide a conservative basis for estimates.

A tremendous slump in production followed the sweep of the influenza epidemic, however. Hundreds of miners fell ill from the disease, and of those who recovered few were able to reach their former efficiency within several weeks.

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Between the two causes, the total anthracite production figures received

a blow which will require the most extreme efforts of all available anthracite miners to remedy. Even before the signing of the armistice the Fuel Administration was obtaining the full output of anthracite miners from the army to as great an extent as possible in order to meet the situation.

Few consumers have sufficient anthracite coal to last them through the entire winter. If you are one of those fortunate it is incumbent upon you to make the supply in your cellar go as many months as possible in order that less well supplied householders will not have to do without.

Aside from the most extreme economy in the use of domestic sizes of anthracite coal, the Fuel Administration urges the following measures:

The use of No. 1 Buckwheat coal to supplement the larger sizes. (Buckwheat size cannot be used alone.)

The use of wood to as great an extent as possible.

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Weather stripping of doors and windows so that less fuel will be required for heating.

"Cut-a-Cord" Clubs Give Winter Days Zest, Make Happy Evenings

Likewise Save Coal and Money, U. S. Food Administration Shows, in Urging All Possible Use of Wood Fuel.

Who would not rather spend an evening before a snapping wood fire in an open grate or fireplace than before a drowsy coal fire?

And who could ask a better excuse for a winter holiday than to go into the woods and get the echoes ringing and the chips flying by felling trees for such firewood?

These are the two chief appeals in the campaign now being launched by the United States Fuel Administration to bring about a considerable use of wood to replace coal in states where domestic fuel is scarce. Of course, if you cut wood, you do not have to buy coal and if you have wood piled up you will not worry over a coal shortage, such as is possible through the "flu" having cut down the production of anthracite coal.

New England, in particular, has much wood available within easy reach of large centers of population. The "Cut-a-Cord" Club of Belmont, six miles from Boston, was one of many similar organizations which proved valuable for wholesome days of outdoor sport and happy social evenings.

The Forestry Service will co-operate with the Fuel Administration, through state administrators, this winter in locating available supplies of standing timber and seeing that trees more valuable for other purposes will not be felled for firewood.

If there is not a "Cut-a-Cord" club in your community, why not organize one? Here are some woodmen's proverbs from the Forestry Service:

A cord of hardwood has a fuel value equal to two-thirds of a ton of hard coal.

Stumps should be cut as low as possible to avoid waste and save future trouble.

All wood large enough to be made into stove wood should be used. Split wood small enough so that one man can load it on a wagon.

Pine should be split smaller than hardwood so that it may dry out quickly. Hardwood burns fairly well even when green.

In cutting original growth forests, utilize old trees which are not fit for lumber.

Cut small trees of the poorer species. Cut all dead, diseased, dead-topped, and otherwise inferior material.

The wood lot will be the better for the removal of old trees which have stopped making growth, and of scarred trees and stunted growths.

Leave trees that are more valuable for lumber, ties, or other salable products than they are for cordwood.

Leave your thrifty trees of the better species below 10 inches in diameter for the future crop.

Pile wood so that air can circulate freely through the pile.

USE OF BUCKWHEAT COAL WILL HELP RELIEVE ANTHRACITE SHORTAGE

United States Fuel Administration Urges Liberal Use of Smaller Size of Hard Coal, Which Costs Consumer Less.

As a most effective means of supplementing the supply of regular domestic sizes of anthracite coal, the United States Fuel Administration recommends the use of the No. 1 size of Buckwheat anthracite. Buckwheat also is fairly plentiful, while regular sizes are scant, and the ordinary furnace will burn effectively if fired with 25 per cent. Buckwheat and 75 per cent. larger sizes. Buckwheat coal may also be used with wood.

Here are some rules worked out by heating experts for the use of Buckwheat coal:

If there is a good bed of fire, put large coal on first and then add a top dressing of No. 1 Buckwheat.

If the fire is low, put on a small amount of Buckwheat first and, after a good bed of fire is formed, add the large coal and then the top dressing of Buckwheat.

The ordinary house heater does not have sufficient draft to produce satisfactory results when Buckwheat is used with either Chestnut or Fir Coal. The exact proportion of the small and large coal should be determined by experience and weather conditions.

Keep the Buckwheat in a separate bin. The above suggestions are for the use of Buckwheat in a grate or range heating plants and stoves.



COULD NOT CONVINCE JUDGE

Policeman Going 20 Miles One Way and Auto 20 Miles Other Didn't Make 40 Miles Per Hour.

"This man was driving his car in the suburbs 40 miles an hour, your honor," said the motorcycle policeman. "What have you to say for yourself?" asked the judge sternly.

"Your honor, I was traveling 20 miles an hour in one direction when this policeman passed me on his motorcycle going 20 miles an hour in the opposite direction. That's why it seemed to him I was going 40 miles an hour."

"Ten dollars fine," said the judge.

Spitful Split.

"You hear people clamoring for their rights all the time," answered the philosopher.

"Quite so," answered the student of human nature, "but they don't seem to derive much satisfaction from the situation unless the restoration of their rights involves great sacrifices on the part of the favored few."

Too Absentminded.

"Have you made any effort to ascertain the principles of economics on which your theories of government are based?" inquired the man with prominent spectacles.

"No," replied Senator Borah.

"How to land votes is easier found out, so far as I can see, more important than any other."

ROAD BUILDING

GOOD ROADS OF THE FUTURE

Steps Should Be Taken Immediately to Provide New Highways and Keep Them in Condition.

While we have a very considerable mileage of so-called good roads in this country, it is an undoubted fact that the greater portion are not of a character to sustain successfully the heavy motor truck traffic that is now appearing on them, and which will certainly increase rapidly in the near future. To meet the new conditions steps should be at once taken to formulate



Reinforced Concrete Culvert.

a systematic plan not only to provide new roads, adapted to the new traffic, but to maintain them in operative condition. Provision should also be made for the re-building of much of the older mileage. What the nature of the construction of these new roads shall be is a matter for the engineers to solve, but there is no question but that there must be better drainage, better material and very much heavier foundations than have ordinarily prevailed in the past, especially as with smooth road surface the speed of these trucks is sure to be greatly increased. England has had her experience in this matter, for what with heavy traffic added to lack of maintenance, on account of war necessities, there is hardly a main road in the country that is not utterly worn out, although they have been accustomed to build much more heavily than we have in the United States.

Scientific American.

WILL ADOPT ENGLISH PLAN

Syndicate Proposes to Construct Large Number of "Co-operative Homes" in Pennsylvania City.

Plans are under way to construct at least 1,000 homes in Marcus Hook, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. One of the most interesting of the projects is for the construction of 67 houses on a plan similar to that of the English village of Chester. This plan is sponsored by a Philadelphia syndicate, and the estimated cost is upwards of \$250,000. According to specifications the village will center at an intersection of two streets.

The proposed homes will be of the type known as "co-operative homes," similar to those being built at Hounslow and Port Sunlight, England. The dwellings will be built of brick and stucco, with sloping roofs and will be set well back on lawns. At each of the four corners of the four principal residential squares there will be a triangular shaped lawn with shrubbery and flowers.

MORE GOOD ROADS REQUIRED

Necessary to Handle Commerce on Account of Inadequate Railroad Transportation.

Railroad transportation is inadequate to handle our commerce, and good roads must be constructed rapidly and comprehensively that truck lines running on regular schedules with stations and terminal facilities, may be established to take care of the immense production of the land. Production beyond local needs becomes an economic loss if the things produced cannot be delivered to the factory or consumer safely and profitably.

INTERESTED IN GOOD ROADS

Mileage of Gravel and Stone Highways Increasing—Automobile of Great Assistance.

There is widespread and increasing interest in good roads in Illinois. The main traveled highways especially are wide, well graded and well drained. The mileage of gravel and stone roads is increasing, and a good deal of hard road is being built. The advent of the automobile has done much to make good roads enthusiastic of farmers, and with their active interest the work of improvement is progressing rapidly.

MORRIS PRATT'S BIRTH-DAY

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as we live, the Khaki uniform will be a symbol of one of the bravest of our country and of other countries; our flag a protection we never knew we needed, but under whose stars and stripes we today walk an unenslaved nation, with safe homes and glad children in them. Just such fine fellows as needed the call of our Academy bell, just such boys as stood on Commencement-day stages leaving school-days behind them, went with brave eyes and smiling lips from homes, to meet—Ah, how we dreaded what they were to meet! What aching hearts and tear-wet pillows this world has held for those who waved farewell, and turned back to the anguish of suspense!

And these boys of ours—these Gould Academy boys—became men over night! The sufferings they have endured; the deadly homelickness; the dreadful trenches; the awful battle field; all the miseries that war can inflict! Well for our peace of mind that we shall never know all that our boys have experienced!

And the boys who are coming home but who are never again to see beloved faces through ghastly eyes! The boys whose fine young bodies are broken and whose lot as a cripple will be their life-long curse! And the dear dead boys in France! Oh Bethel boys and girls, men and women, if everyone of us does not feel the solemn weight of obligation resting upon us as never before—then we are not "Carrying on" what our boys have done their glorious best to preserve—for the future salvation of a great America rests upon every soul in this Republic.

The greatest surprise Europe and America have ever known came through our boys and the wonderful man-energies behind them. That millions of badly-trained men could successfully meet trained bodies of soldiers whose lives had been devoted to but one thing—to effectively kill—and turn the scale to a glorious and complete victory—will go down in history almost as a legend, rather than as a reality.

What secret has America so jealously guarded that Europe, even the Allies, never suspected it? What mighty spirit suddenly sent millions of men, most of them conscripted, without a murmur over three thousand miles of ocean for a noble cause at its best, and infected with submissiveness? What great living energy set wheels in motion that supplied that mighty army with food, equipments, arms, and above all a moral environment such as no army ever saw? Shall we tell Europe our secret? Let us see from what sources certain great streams of power flow.

Three hundred years ago a band of earnest settlers planted their homes in New England. The only people who ever crossed the Atlantic without the dominant intention of securing wealth. These people, too, asked much—they asked for freedom. Freedom to worship God as shown to them through Christ. And how did they express this longing? They built a church, and beside it they built a schoolhouse. They built homes, and trained their children to believe in what they believed. And so all over this broad land this education of soul, mind and body went on till it leavened the whole country, and meeting the immigrant boy, he became strong and wise and good.

Upon this foundation rests our Republic. This is why our boys have been what has amazed the world—and themselves. What but the training given by American ideals, what but the recognition that Christianity is true, gave our boys such power, such courage, such self-sacrifice, such glorious faithfulness, such manliness? And what has sustained these whose pillars were leavened in the desolate houses of "Homes and Hopes" was this war, but the great ideal which brought our forefathers over the sea.

While this country was then shaping its course and drawing its life from great sources, another country across the sea was developing upon entirely opposite lines. Not one motive animated Germany from the time when the first settlers, born in 1879, (the date we all associate with the Pilgrim Fathers) first began to shape Germany's world. Power, extension of power, still greater ambition, until this last great outburst of Germany has poured out the quality of her course by the most dry stream, unobscured by human blood, which has ever flowed in history.

We have seen what a nation can become when God is only a collection of his blinded soul. A nation that had no place in the plan of life for the Christ. We have seen what a nation when Christ the standards were trodden to dust, and the names of dying heroes will never die from the memories of those who have seen the workings of a Christian nation.

"And that is not mocked! Whosoever sows to a man (or nation) shall also reap!"

When the yearbooks rang in Bethel December 1918, and the little recorded glad release from war, in many eyes there shined the vision of Old Glory, and a silent note sounded beneath the

National Forest Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Forest Service, Gorham, N. H., up to and including January 15, 1919, for all the merchantable dead timber standing on or down, and all the live timber marked or designated for cutting on an area of about 150 acres within the township of Batchelder's Grant and the watershed of Lary Brook, White Mountain National Forest, estimated to be 900 cords more or less of beech, yellow and white birch, hard and soft maple, holly wood. No bid of less than \$2.25 per cord or \$3.51 per 100 cubic feet will be considered. Deposit with bid \$100.00. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Gorham, N. H.

Bids' glad tones; for there are gaps in the marching homeward ranks, there are soulless mothers and fathers, wives made widows, little fatherless children, fathers without brothers, sweethearts with the joy struck from their lives. All their days these mourning hearts will enshrine a cross.

To those among us whose dear, dead boys lie in France—those who met the death of a soldier's grave, (if die he must) and where the words "Killed in action" stand before the eyes as a trumpet-call appeals to the ear—to you, Oh Mothers of Maine, our sympathy bursts forth in a wistful longing for expression that mourns its incapacity to comfort, to sustain. And to the memory of those sacrificed ones who "By the roadside fell and perished," killed by an enemy more cruel than the swift bullet, a tender tribute shall be paid. Ready of soul to do their part, chafing at delays that kept them from active service, their denial was piteous—but their success none the less grand. For greater love (of the right) hath no man to bestow than a great willingness!

"We see them muster in a gleaming row, With ever-youthful grows that soldier show, We find in our dull road their shining track!"

In this hour of beautiful memories of willing souls we also give recognition to the rare girl, who gave so generously of her many talents when with us. If "Ingratitude for benefits received is the coarsest of sins," Bethel stands absolved, for what Lucia Weed Clawson did for our village never failed to elicit keenest appreciation. That her last weeks in Bethel were devoted to the welfare of the Academy through the dramatics benefit that she gave, places her name among the annals of those whose love we mourn this year. Her place will never be filled—she so generously over-filled it.

And now as we anticipate the homecoming of our boys, Bethel, which has met every situation of these years of war with largesse, will not fail to do honor to our young heroes. When happy mothers' sons walk beside them, and the months of discipline, experience and suffering of body and mind show as marks of distinction on stalwart bodies and strong faces, oh then may the hearts of the happy and room to include those whose "clear-eyed" boys are not beside them! These bitterly hard holidays should find us caring to express our recognition of what we owe to those whose vacant places have robbed the world of cheer.

I wish it might appeal to all patriots with good memories that it is a privilege to better some special courtesy upon the mothers whose boys are never more to be with them on Christmas Day. Some of you boys are Scouts; you are learning that what makes a man efficient, strong and powerful, is because he is good. You are seeing chances to redeem your promise in daily deeds, and already our community feels the safer for the protection of our Boy Scouts. To be honorable, clean-minded, executive boys is to lay the foundation for a solid school, a solid Bethel—and a solid nation. How can we help but walk this earth with uplifted heads when across the sea people in distress have cried that we are safe, they are Americans!

How justly proud are we that our country has so gloriously proved of what steel our men and women, our boys and girls, are made, in these great testing years! When a republic like ours can rise above ruled thrones and continue a wrecked Europe that "A government of the people, for the people, by the people" will not perish from the earth as long as America's great ideal is upheld, we may well walk with reverent pride, thinking that that we are the American people.

And you, dear Twentieth Century boys and girls, are to be reconstructed. Upon you will rest responsibilities which must be taken as privileges. No subordinate factors are you to become in this magnificent present the coming years will reveal, of power, of great forces for God's rule on earth. Dear Scouts and Scoutgirls, your presence, which is all that is given here

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
Walter G. Blake,	Homestead,	\$8.05	\$1.00
Geo. E. Brooks,	Homestead Farm,	1.53	1.00
Heirs of Phoebe Gordon,	A. B. Tyler, Homestead,	2.30	1.00
Chas. P. Day,	Homestead Farm,	16.10	1.00
Frank A. Gibson,	Homestead Farm,	11.50	1.00
Mrs. John L. Holt,	Homestead Farm,	29.70	1.00
	Land joining D. C. Foster,	1.15	1.00
	Young Farm,	29.70	1.00
Oerald Harding,	Homestead at East Bethel,	4.60	1.00
Ellen P. Kimball,	Homestead Farm,	11.50	1.00
Howard P. Maxim,	Homestead Farm,	32.20	1.00
	Chase Homestead,	6.90	1.00
	Part of Cummings Field,	1.15	1.00
Geo. E. Osgood,	Homestead Farm,	10.10	1.00
Alfred Smith,	Homestead Farm,	5.75	1.00
James Uhlman,	Homestead Farm,	9.78	1.00
	Swamp Land,	1.73	1.00
	Old Homestead Lot,	.58	1.00
Fred C. Yerrill,	Homestead Farm,	27.00	1.00
Charles W. Willey,	Homestead,	4.00	1.00

December 18th, 1918.

FRED B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Andover, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Andover, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 17th day of April, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
O. M. Richardson & Son,	Twitcomb Hotel,	\$76.36	\$2.00
A. J. Ladd,	Homestead,	35.54	2.00
Mrs. G. J. Sweet,	Homestead,	44.00	2.00

December 18th, 1918.

A. L. LANG,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Andover.

BATTERIES

In connection with our other automobile work we are prepared to repair and charge batteries.

Batteries Stored and Repaired During the Winter Months

Price for Storage Reasonable

HERRICK BROS. CO.

BETHEL, MAINE

Your keeping, holds a beautiful opportunity for the expression of your patriotism. The boys who have helped save you, left dear ones at home. If you would work out in practical service the gratitude you feel, there will not be a soldier's mother in Bethel but will feel that in accepting a service from you she is bestowing a privilege.

Nothing could be done in Morris Pratt's name that would more fittingly honor him, whose sympathies when with you were so quickly aroused. Many times in these years of stress I have looked at his pictured peaceful face. Many of his friends have gone into the greater life. Many who "Came up through great tribulations." What welcomes we have the right to believe, have been bestowed upon those who made the "Supreme Sacrifice." What welcome would be bestowed? Morris Pratt has been very near to my thought as a welcoming friend to those who have laid down their lives for the cause of Christ in this world today.

And as we keep his name as a part of the living influence already impressed upon hundreds of people, we are glad and grateful to have had him in our midst these years. An new experi-

ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen, who attended the State Grange at Portland, returned home, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Bean of Oxford were recent guests of his father, A. G. Bean.

Miss Nina Bean, who is teaching at North Andover, is spending her vacation at home.

Harry McNally and son, Chester, and Will Greener are cutting wood for Len Kimball.

Mr. Harry McNally is visiting her sister in Keeter, N. H. Mr. McNally's mother is keeping home for him.

THE OXFORD COUNTY OFFICE IS ONLY \$1.00 PER YEAR WHEN PAID IN ADVANCE. SUBSCRIBE NOW.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Mason, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Mason, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 8th day of May, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
C. A. Tyler,	10 acres in Lot 3, Range 2,	\$1.10	\$1.00
J. A. Bennett Est.,	6 acres in Lot 4, Range 7,	1.55	1.00
D. R. & G. A. Hastings	100 acres in Lot 58,	4.00	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 77,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 92,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 96,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 94,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 75,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 85,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 60,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 48,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 50,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 78,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 82,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 83,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 84,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 86,	4.65	1.00
	400 acres in Lot 91,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 94,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 95,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 100,	4.65	1.00
	50 acres in Lot 109,	3.10	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 76,	4.05	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 98,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 80,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 56,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 69,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 97,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 65,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 59,	4.65	1.00

December 18th, 1918.

D. W. CUSHING,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mason.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Odeon Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
Henry A. Cross,	Homestead at West Bethel,	\$9.20	\$1.00

December 18th, 1918.

FRED B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Gilead, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Gilead, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 2nd day of July, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
Merrill, H. A.	A parcel of land about 30 rods northeast from M. H. Bennett farm, so-called, being 100 feet square with camp thereon, in Range 5,	\$0.90	\$2.00
Morris, F. H., Estate and O'Brien, Fuller	Cottage on land of Berlin Mills, 10 rods more or less from bank of Lary brook in a northern direction from N. H. State line, in Range 1,	6.30	2.00
Springer, E. A.	Cottage on land of the Berlin Mills Co., now Brown Co., south side of north branch of Lary brook in Range 1,	0.50	2.00

December 18th, 1918.

M. M. MASON,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Gilead.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Newry, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of June, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Grange Hall in said Newry, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
Widow, Mrs. Fannie	Homestead, bounded on north by Maurice and Warren farms, south by S. A. Barnes land, west by Bennett and Kilgus,	21.50	2.00
	Wild land, 70 acres in Lot 1, Range 14, 10.24	2.00	
	Wild land, 100 acres in Lot 2, Range 14, 14.04	2.00	
	Wild land, 100 acres in Lot 3, Range 14, 14.04	2.00	
	Wild land, 50 acres in Lot 4, Range 14, 7.52	1.00	
Tolson Mrs. Harry	Homestead bounded on the north by land of O. P. Littlehale, south by land of J. J. Spawey,	21.40	2.00

December 18th, 1918.

W. H. POWERS,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

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GRANGE NEWS

FRANKLIN GRANGE
Franklin Grange held its annual meeting of officers Dec. 21. The following officers were elected:
Master—Claude S. Cushman.
Overseer—J. Herbert Ring.
Lecturer—Martha K. Dudley.
Steward—Ellis Davis.
Asst. Steward—Neil Lovejoy.
Chaplain—Emily Felt.
Treasurer and Trade Agent—G. Leon Cushman.

Secretary—G. W. Q. Perham.
Gate Keeper—Albert Russ.
Cores—Annie Bryant.
Pomona—Rowena Ring.
Flora—Ida Farnum.
L. A. Steward—Bertha Lovejoy.
Chorister—Annie Davis.
Librarian—Edna Pomeroy.
Hall Agent—Fred M. Cole.
The installation will be held Jan. 10. A. E. Morse is the installing officer. In the P. M. a good program is the attraction.

BETHEL GRANGE

Bethel Grange met on the evening of Dec. 26. The worthy Master E. Cushman in the chair. Minutes read and approved. Officers absent: Chairman, Secretary, Ceres, Pomona and Flora. After the business session the new officers were elected as follows:
Master—Ellis Cushman.
Overseer—Geo. Hargood.
Lecturer—Ella Lyon.
Steward—Herman Mason.
Asst. Steward—Charles Cole.
Chaplain—Ella Copeland.
Treasurer—Mary Cummings.
Secretary—Martha Kendall.
Gate Keeper—Sidney Jodrey.
Ceres—Samantha Jodrey.
Pomona—May F. Farwell.
Flora—Mae R. Bartlett.
Musician—Florence Upton.
There was no program.

The Master gave his report of the session of the Maine State Grange held in Portland. The installation will be held at the next meeting, Jan. 9. A picnic supper will be served. An invitation to attend an all day's meeting from Round Mountain Grange was received and was accepted. Meeting closed in form.

NORWAY GRANGE

On December 23, Norway Grange held its last meeting for the year 1918. Worthy Master W. O. Perry called to order at 11:15 for a short business session. The dinner committee appointed for Pomona meeting on Jan. 7, 1919, are from J. to R. inclusive—with Eva Richardson as chairman. Voted to send the Lecturer-elect, Annie S. Goodwin to the Lecturers' Conference whenever and wherever it may be held. As Harry Goodwin, who was elected Overseer, resigned the office, Ann Frost was elected to fill the vacancy. It is expected the officers will be installed at the next meeting on Jan. 11, at which time the defeated captains and helpers will demonstrate to the victorious side that there is "glory even in defeat," and invite them to a feast, fitting to the occasion. The score will be announced later by the Judge, Sister Louise Gammon. After a recess for the picnic dinner the gavel fell at 1:15 and the time was immediately given over to Captain Ora Howe and assistants, Mary Gammon and Ethel Howe; Gladys Russell, pianist, and Captain Gladys Abbott Greenleaf and assistants, Annie Goodwin and Adeline McGovern; pianist, Adeline McGovern. The stage decorations were extremely artistic. The front presented a border of sparkling snow, and Christmas candles; at either side were snow-banked pine trees, a low hedge of pine and holly leaves flanked with bouquets of pine and wild rose berries, back of which rose stately pine trimmed columns which formed a beautiful setting for the "Stars and Stripes," that occupied the honor place. Overhead were autumn leaves seemingly floating in the air, while a silver star lent its soft radiance to the scene. Captain Ora Howe presented the following program:
Song, duet.
Duet, Ethel Upton Dunn, Perry Upton Young.
When Music Heavenly Mould Waxed Young.
—When Ellen Ellen Had An Apple.
Acting, Mary Gammon.
Reading, "The First Church Christmas Carol."
—Ora Howe.
"Why we have a service flag, and for what does it stand?"
—Isle Cox.
Sister Cox paid a touching tribute to the "Soldier Boys" of Norway Grange (1918) and read a poem to the memory of Ralph (1918) and a poem to the memory of Ralph (1918).
—Miss Millett, playing a Rural tribe, on the altar in loving remembrance, (1918).
—In Flanders Field, (Three) the flowers, showing the little crosses, O blossoming poppies, nurse, soldier and New Angel of Peace, Reader, Kate Delane. Mrs. Captain Gladys Greenleaf presented a